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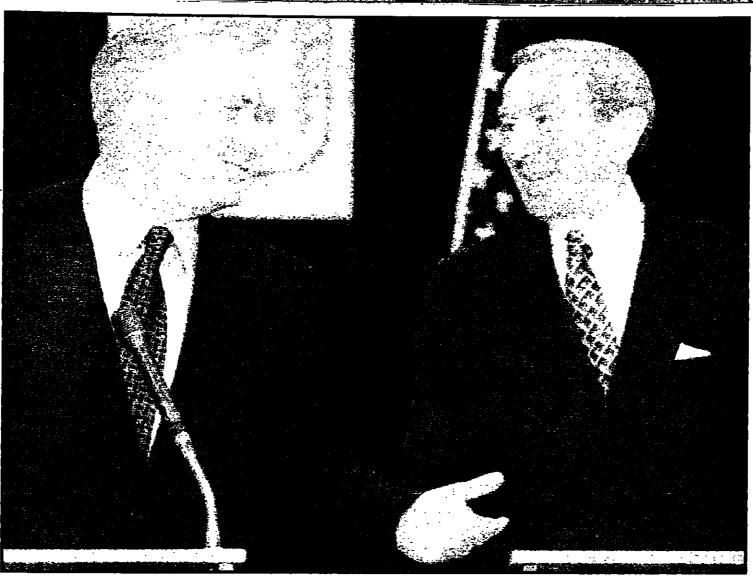


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Clinton, Dole in debate

US President Bill Clinton and Republican nominee Bob Dole arrived in Connecticut yesterday for their first presidential debate. The two were to meet last night at 3:00 a.m. Israel time for 90 minutes in Hartford's Bushnell Theater to answer questions posed by moderator Jim Lehrer of the Public Broadcasting Service. Full story, Page 4



PM Binyamin Netanyahu smiles at US Secretary of State Warren Christopher during yesterday's press conference in Jerusalem. (Reuter)

US-brokered Erez talks underway

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE much publicized talks at the Erez checkpoint convened last night with the understanding that they will be virtually continuous until solutions are found.

Both sides brought radically different agendas to the talks, with Israel focusing on the Hebron redeployment and adjustments to security arrangements, and the Palestinians aiming to implement the entire

agreement without changes.
"Today, we started the talks of the steering

committee, after a difficult crisis which perhaps harmed the basis of the Oslo agreement and the peace process itself, and that is the base of faith and a sense of partnership. We will have to rehabilitate it through gestures of good will in order to renew this network of faith," said former chief of general staff Dan Shomron, head of the Israeli dele-

It was decided to immediately convene committees that will deal with Hebron redeployment, the economy, and military and civilian matters. "We intend to work at a hasty pace to reach an agreement in all these areas, so that we can continue with the Oslo agreement. Understandably, these committees have a need to see non-violence and reciprocity, so that the process can continue and solutions can be found," Shomron said.

His sentiments were echoed by Saeb Erekat, the head of the Palestinian delega-

"We have witnessed events in the past few days which show how important the peace process is, and we are determined to preserve the peace process and to give it every chance it deserves," Erekat said. "I know that Palestinians and Israelis will understand that we are able to put the peace process on track, when we start implementing the agreements on the ground.

"We are determined to end violence by eradicating all the causes which led to it ... and to try to solve our differences by negotiations," Erekat said.

Shortly after the two-and-a-half-hour meeting convened, Israel announced steps (Continued on Page 2) within the content of the

Netanyahu seeks Hebron adjustments

LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu held a joint press conference yesterday afternoon, at which both talked of "adjustments" in the interim agreement with the Palestinians, while remaining within the framework of the overall agreement.

The two met in Jerusalem before the start of the talks with the Palestinians at the Erez checkpoint. They also held meetings with their expanded negotiating teams and separately.

Between meeting Netanyahu and traveling to the Gaza Strip later in the day to see Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, Christopher repeatedly stressed the urgency of reaching "concrete results as soon as possible."

"A context would be the existing agreements. The steps for implementation need to be taken within the four corners of the agreement. But it's a practical agreement which can take into account changed circumstances resulting from the tragic events of last week. I think the prime minister was clear with me that he wants to do things that are permitted by the agreement, that are consistent with the agreement, and that will be in the best interests of both parties," Netanyahu said.

"We-did not propose opening the agreement. We suggested that, within the confines of the existing agreement, adjustments be made," he told the news conference.

"We're going to raise only those things that are truly intended to make the agreement work," Netanyahu said. "Especially those things we think are warranted by the events, the terrible events, of last week which cast a shadow of course which has to be dispelled."

In Gaza, Christopher picked up

on this point.

"One of the the things that has been clarified during my visit here is that the parties intend to negotiate within the four corners of the agreement," he said. "They do not seek to modify."

Asked if he was reassured by this, Arafat said: "We'll wait and see."

Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erakat said the Palestinians might seek international arbitration "if the Israelis come to tell us they want to change the agreement."

Arafat indicated in an interview with Palestinian television that he is not interested in changes. "We are asking for implementation, precise implementation," Arafat said.

Cise implementation," Arafat said.

Christopher said after meeting Arafat that the situation between Israel and the PA was still dangerous although tensions had eased.

"The situation has eased somewhat ... but it is still a dangerous situation," he said. "Chairman Arafat told me he was doing everything he could to ensure that (Continued on Page 2)

Left, right reverse roles over boundaries of protest

THE left and right exchanged angry recriminations over the boundaries of protest, and what constitutes inchement yesterday. It was a startling reversal of roles the two sides played over the last four years.

This time it was the left calling for "creative forms" of protest, and the right saying that this verges on "incitement." Up until the May elections, the right was calling for civil disobedience, and the left branding this incitement and even sedition.

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The war of words was sparked by a document written by Meretz MK Dedi Zucker, and reported in Sunday's Ha'aretz, that called for more creative means of protest, arguing that the traditional large protests or vigils have lost their effectiveness.

Zucker said yesterday that he is not calling for mass civil disobedience, out for exactly the opposite of what Zo Artzenu did during the Labor government, including blocking major traffic arteries. Zo Artzenu heads Shmuel Sackett

and Moshe Feiglin are on trial for sedition for organizing these acts.

Zucker said his ideas are for "civil"

acts that do not harm anyone else."

Among the ideas are for university students and professors to strike and hold gatherings; for parents not to send their children to school for several days a week; for high school students to stop studies at noon and hold rallies outside their schools; and for drivers to stop their cars for a few minutes during key Knesset votes or critical cabiner sessions.

Asked whether this latter suggestion is not the same as blocking
roads. Zucker said the idea is for the
cars to pull off to the side of the road.
And he said the striking professors
would make up their classes the next

day.

Regardless.

Minister Limor Livnat suggested that what Zucker proposed be sub-

Bernstein winners

KELLEY Nassief, a 29-year-old American soprano and 34-year-old Romanian mezzo soprano Carmen Oprisanu last night were named winners of the Leonard Bernstein Jerusalem International Oratoria and Song Competition. Helen Kaye

HERB KEINON and SARAH HONIG

mitted to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair for his scrutiny.

"What he proposed – regardless of whether or not he labels it civil disobedience – is civil disobedience. This is patently illegal and also constitutes severe incitement," she said. Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu also joined the fray, telling the Likud Knesset faction that "despite what is sometimes reflected in the press, there is a far broader consensus among us. However, even the impression lent by certain people in the opposition can lead outsiders to assume that Israel will cave in to

Labor: PM continuing incitement

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is continuing to incite, as he did in the demonstration in Jerusalem's Zion Square a year ago, MK Dalia Itzik, the head of Labor's response team, said yesterday. Itzik was referring to

Itzik was referring to Netanyahu's statement to the Likud's Knesset faction members yesterday, in which he said that some of the opposition "apparently have a problem with the law," and that the opposition's statements may give the impression that Israel

would give in to pressure.

Itzik said Netanyahu's attacks on the opposition are a "filthy attempt to cover up for his failures from the beginning of his term as prime minister."

Michal Yudelman

pressure. The impression of polarization and deep splits invites greater pressure, while the impression of unity and resolve moderates the appetite to impose pressure, including pressure that is inherently illegitimate. I understand that parts of the opposition have a problem with the law but the good of the pation must

law, but the good of the nation must be kept in mind."

Zo Artzenu's Sackett said "the left has the full democratic right to protest using non-violent civil disobedience, and I am certain that if it does so, the protesters won't be beaten up nor indicted for sedition as we

Meanwhile, MK Uzi Landau, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, charged that signs hoisted during the left's demonstration in Jerusalem on Saturday night reading: "The murderer won," and "Did you murder and also inherit?" (a quote from I Kings) constituted "ounight incitement against the government and the prime minister, and this from people who claimed that it was the Likud's alleged incitement with resulted in

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, in a radio interview, responded to Landam, saying: "Even at the height of our concern and pain, I can promise that we will not call Netanyahn a traitor or murderer, will not dress him up in an SS uniform, and will not sentence him to din rodef. In our garden, there will not sprout a Yigal Amir.

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"It would be better for Landau to deal with his garden. I suggest that Landau and his friends not prepare the ground for the next political murder, and he – as head of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee – knows that the target for the next murder is not someone from the

Michal Yudelman contributed to this report.



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Mubarak warns against renegotiating agreement

CAIRO (Reuter) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said yesterday that Israel's insistence on renegotiating issues it had agreed upon with Palestinians was dangerous and could throw the

region into catastrophe.

But the Egyptian leader said in a television interview, just hours before Israel and the Palestinians were to resume peace talks in the Gaza Strip, that he hoped the two sides could find a way to implement their peace agreements.

The Gaza talks, with the participation of US Middle East envoy Dennis Ross, center on Israeli redeploy-ment from Hebron delayed since March by Islamic suicide bombings that killed 59 people and by Israeli

There are agreements that were signed with the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. Netanyahu came along and does not want to implement them. He says he wants to implement them and that he is committed but until now there is nothing,"

"He says let's start negotiations. But negotiations on what? I know that the talks that should start are those on the final status of the issue but redeployment from Hebron has already been talked about and finished in difficult negotiations and they reached agreement and even the means to implement them.

'The principle of renegotiation is a dangerous one. These are agreements that are internationally recognized that were signed here in Egypt and in the United States. One must respect them or there will be a catastrophe." Mubarak added.

Mubarak boycotted the Washington summit which led to the Erez talks because of what he called Israel's intransigence and its poor treatment of Palestinians.

Mubarak said the Washington talks – deemed a failure by Palestinians, Arabs and most Europeans - could have achieved more if Netanyahu had been

more flexible. "If he [Netanyahu] had more political flexibility they would have been able to achieve more than they

Syria urges Arab states to halt normalization with Israel

DAMASCUS - Syrian Defense Minister Mustafa Tlas yesterday warned that there was a real threat to the region's stability because of Prime Minister Netanyahu's policies.

Speaking at the anniversary of the Yom Kippur War, Tlas accused Israel of blocking the peace process and urged Arab states to halt all forms of normalization

"Netanyahu has been beating the drums of war...and what is happening in the region warns of a real threat to the peace process and

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stability in the region," Tlas told the ruling party newspaper al-

"If Netanyahu implements his threats and carries out a military adventure, he will, for sure, regret because Israel will pay heavy losses that it can not bear," he said.

He said that Netanyahu's refusal to return the Golan Heights made it impossible for peace talks to be

Tlas said war broke out in 1973 with Israel because the situation

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between Israel and its Arab neighbors was unclear. The October war was a neces-

sary and correct option after the situation of 'no war, no peace which the Zionist enemy tried to impose on Arabs," Tlas said. Arabs are able to overcome

their differences and implement options that would enable them to face dangers and challenges to return their rights," he said.

Syria, he said, remained committed to the principle of land-forpeace as the basis for an Arab-İsraeli peaceful settlement.

Settlers to support PM but protest redeployment in Hebron

HERB KEINON

GROUP of settlement activists met in Hebron yesterday and decided that, for the time being, they will demonstrate in support of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and against IDF redeployment in Hebron.

Last night, settler representatives were dispatched to Erez checkpoint to screen for journalists a video they made prior to the recent violence in which they predicted that Palestinians would open fire on soldiers and civil-

David Wilder, a spokesman for the Hebron settlement, said that beyond this, a large demonstration in support of Hebron is planned within the next two

Meanwhile, Peace Now, which has organized numerous anti-government protests since the violence broke out in the territories two weeks ago, has planned a protest against the government's policies opposite the Knesset today, to coincide with the scheduled Knesset

Regarding the right's protest, Wilder said the purpose is to make people aware that "we are expecting Netanyahu to live up to his promises, and not abandon Hebron," he said. "We support Netanyahu, and oppose plans the previous government made to remove the army from Hebron. No Palestinians should be armed in the city."

Wilder said that the Hebron/Kiryat Arba settlers are, at this time, not planning any drastic action. "We have had various plans sitting around for a couple of years, but with the changing times, the effectiveness of these plans has dimin-

Wilder confirmed that the plans no longer deal with the possibility of removing the Jews from Hebron, something which has currently dropped off the national

As far as what action they could take to prevent an IDF withdrawal, Wilder said: "An IDF pullout is almost impossible to combat. If the IDF decides to pull out, it will be very difficult to stop them.

"We will cross that bridge when we get to it, but now we are trying to ensure that we don't get to that bridge."

Meanwhile, Zo Artzenu, the group that was at the forefront of a civil disobedience campaign against the Labor government, will meet on Wednesday night to discuss plans for a campaign to get the prime minister to completely scratch the Oslo agreements, as well as establish a commission of inquiry into the violent events of a week ago, and into the whole Oslo

"We are trying to end the Oslo accords," said Shmuel Sackett, one of the group's leaders. "The only way is to prove, through a commission of inquiry, that the process is rotten, smells, is illegal, and will lead to the death of more



An IDF chaplain and a soldier gather up holy books that were burned during the recent attack on Joseph's Tomb in Nablus.

PM denies deadline for negotiations

NO target date has been fixed for the conclusion of talks with the Palestinian Authority, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told members of the Likud Knesset faction yesterday.

The talks "will end when the secure future of the Jews in Hebron and the safe access to Jewish holy places in the city will have been achieved," he said.

Netanyahu stressed that "contrary to some reports, no deadlines have been fixed for the talks," which will concentrate "on redeployment in Hebron in light of the new situation

and on general security arrangements, not only for Hebron but pertaining to all agreements with the PA, in light of the massive fire by the Palestinian Police against Israeli soldiers and

So far as Hebron is concerned, he went on, "we are focusing on two objectives: the safe-guarding of the oldest Jewish community in the world and of the holy places which are among the most sacred to Jews the world over.'

ahead in the negotiations ... We are not kidding ourselves. This will not be a simple and uncomplicated negotiating process ... The other side must honor the agreements, live up to its side of the bargain, and help implement security arrangements.'

What occurred recently, he said, was "a basic violation of the accords, which must be corrected. It is impossible to imagine progress without the necessary corrections and arrangements to prevent a recurrence.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Former cop indicted for bribe-taking Tel Aviv District Court indicted a former Petah Tikva police

intelligence officer yesterday on counts of disrupting an investigation and accepting bribes from a brothel owner. Yehezkiel Yezumba, according to the charge sheet, received sexual favors and other bribes from brothel owner Yehiel Shohad.

A publication ban on the case was lifted yesterday with the indictment of both Yezumba and Shohad, who was charged with giving bribes. According to the indictment, Shohad bought Yezumba household items in return for police information, and paid him off with sexual favors granted by his employee prostitutes. The pair deny all charges.

Missing cabbie found in coffee shop Rehovot cabbie Dror Pollack, 48, who was reported missing on Saturday morning, was found yesterday evening in an Eilat coffee shop. His car was found earlier in the day.

Pollack had reportedly told one of the workers in the coffee shop that he had come to Eilat to commit suicide. The worker then called the police. Pollack was found to have taken a large quantity of valium. He was also searched and a loaded gun was found in his possession. He was taken to a hospital in Eilat.

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(Continued from Page 1) to ease the closure. These included allowing 2,000 Palestinians laborers into the Erez industrial zone, and loosening the closure around Tulkarm.

The meeting took place on the Israeli side of the Erez checkpoint, which 10 days earlier was the scene of bloody gun battles between IDF troops and Palestinian Police.

The Israeli team was briefed by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who instructed its members to tell their Palestinian counterparts that the gun battles which killed over 70 people, including 15 soldiers, created a totally new situation and that the Palestinians had to take this into

The negotiators were also instructed to re-tool the agreement to redeploy from Hebron, with demands to set up "demilitarized zones" in the city and IDF emplacements surrounding it, which would be able to give aide to Hebron's Jewish residents in an emergency.

The US was represented by

special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross, Consul-General in Jerusalem Edward Abingdon, and Ambassador Martin Indyk.

On the Israeli team were OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, and Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor, coordinator for activities in the territories. Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh, Foreign Ministry representative Ya'acov Bardugo, and Brig.-Gen.

David Agmon, who represented the Defense Ministry, also partic-

The Palestinians included Palestinian Authority Minister for Civilian Affairs Jamil Tarifi and Jibril Rajoub, head of Palestinian Preventive Security on the West

The meeting was mainly a public relations event, with the real work set for today.

Two committees were formed. one to deal with Hebron, which will convene on the Palestinian side of the Erez checkpoint. The media will be barred from covering those talks. On Wednesday, a second committee dealing with civilian matters is to convene.

Both sides are seeking changes on the ground. The Palestinians want guarantees that Israel will not enter the autonomous West Bank cities, and promises of "safe-passage" roads liking them with the Gaza Strip. They also want complete control over the Dahaniya airport near Rafiah, but Israel wants to maintain overall

High on the agenda is Hebron. The Palestinians are seeking a date for the IDF withdrawal from Palestinian sections of the city, which according to the Oslo accords should have taken place last March. But the government says the agreement is fundamentally flawed. It wants to renegotiate security arrangements and ensure that Palestinian Police are not armed with assault rifles, but only with pistols.

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(Continued from Page 1) calm would remain. I think it's essential that both "I think it's possible to achieve parties in the negotiations emerge

as winners, otherwise both will be Netanyahu made a point of stressing that the security arrangements Israel is demanding will ensure the agreements will be ful-filled and will serve the interests

of both sides. He said a satisfactory conclusion to the negotiations would be to determine a date which would then allow swift implementation of the agreement.

He denied having given a con-crete date to US President Bill

ed a suggestion that Christopher's visit could be seen as US pres-

this in good faith, and I think it's possible to achieve it rapidly in good faith. But, of course, good faith is required by both sides. I assure you we bring it to our side of the table, and I'd like to believe the other side will act in the same way. And if that is the case, then 'il move speedily, but I'm not [stating] a date, I'm [stating] a conclusion," he said.

Christopher is scheduled to meet with Foreign Minister David Levy and President Ezer Weizman before leaving the region today. US peace negotiator Clinton during last week's meet- Dennis Ross will remain in the ing in Washington. He also reject- area to monitor the developments.

Netanyahu says summit improved communication with Arafat

NEW YORK (Reuter) Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu agreed in an interview published vesterday that PLO leader Yasser Amfat was channing "but I wouldn't make too much of the personal thing between us.". Referring to an attempt by Time magazine, during the interview.

to get him to say Arafat was "a nice gay," Netanyahu said: "You get him to say it about me and I'll say it about him."

Asked if his appreciation of Arafat had changed. Netanyahu said: "Well, you get to know somebody better, and you can judge intentions and personality better. The important thing is it improved the communication between us. (Nevertheless) inherently we represent different perspectives and different interests."

Clinton hails resumption of Mideast talks

CHAUTAUQUA, New York (Reuter) - President Bill Clinton yesterday hailed the resumption of talks between Israeli and Palestinian negotiators and said the United States would do every-

thing possible to help.
"The president calls on the parties to conduct these discussions in a spirit of partnership and goodwill in order that tangible results be achieved as soon as possible," the White House said in a state-

"Israelis and Palestinians deserve to fulfill their aspirations for peace, security and prosperity," the White House said in the statement, which was released in the western New York town where Clinton was preparing for vesterday's debate with Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole.

"These talks are expected to continue until major outstanding issues are resolved," the White House said. "The United States will do everything possible to assist the parties to achieve early progress.'

"[Secretary of State Warren] Christopher's meetings today with the Israeli and Palestinian leadership demonstrate the commitment of the United States to foster rapid, tangible progress toward lasting peace," it said.

Clinton also sent a cable to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, saying he believed the peace process could now progress, after the violence was halted and both sides expressed a willingness to return to the negoti-

Spring arrives to assert EU role in peace process

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IRISH Foreign Minister Dick Spring arrived here yesterday to secure a role for the European Union in the peace process.

"The EU wants me to take a strong message to the Israelis and Palestinians that Europe wants to see the Middle East peace accords respected," Spring said on depar-

Spring, whose country holds the current EU presidency, met Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy upon his arrival last night. Levy said after the meeting that

he had told Spring that the success of the negotiations depends on maintaining security and preventing violence and incitement. I am happy that Mr. Spring said

Europe has no intention of interfering, but rather intends to encourage the two sides to advance towards implementing agreements," he said. "Anyone who takes a stand against one side or the other is not contributing to advancing the process, and I am glad this was made unequivocally

Spring, responding to Israeli and US concern about EU criticism of Israel, promised he would be even-<u>handed,</u> but Netanyahu's government could make a gesture.

"I think there is plenty of room for initiative to be taken by the Israeli government," he told Irish

radio before leaving Ireland. Spring said an IDF withdrawal from Hebron, as stipulated in the peace accords, was one possible gesture and said he would also be discussing the opening of the Hasmonean Tunnel.

But the Israeli government also had "legitimate concerns about security which have to be addressed," he said. "I want to be even-handed," said

Spring, whose hastily arranged trip was mandated by an EU summit which ended late on Saturday

He declined to say whether he intended to meet Palestinian Authority officials in Orient House,

The Netanyahu government has told Spring it would frown upon such a meeting, out of fear that it would be seen as support for Palestinian claims to Jerusalem. He was also expected to confer with US Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Meanwhile, French officials said that the EU must have a bigger role in promoting diplomatic efforts to achieve peace.

Foreign Minister Herve de Charette, speaking after an EU summit in Dublin, told France-3 television: "Europe showed in Dublin that it had things to say. President Jacques Chirac and I had to insist, because for the first time there was a demand."

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Restraining order issued against Clalit strike

Peretz decides to intervene

JUDY SIEGEL

TEL Aviv Labor Court yesterday issued a restraining order a strike by Kupat Holim Clalit's 5,000 maintenance and administrative workers, who had planned to hold a 24-hour warning strike starting at 7 a.m. The strike was to have instituted a reduced weekend schedule in all Clalit hospitals and community clinics.

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Judge Kami Cohen said that participation in such a strike is forbidden and anyone who violates the order may find himself accused of contempt of court."

No union représentative was present at the hearing, although they had been invited.

The union is upset about management's alleged decision to tions" in the health fund.

replace the 300 logistics branch workers with employees supplied by an outside contractor. In addition, the union says hundreds of other external workers will be brought in through manpower agencies, and radiology and scanning services would be provided by institutes ourside the health

Histadrut chairman MK Amir Peretz decided yesterday to intervene personally in the dispute and invite Clalit management to respond to workers complaints. In addition, the coordinating committee of the Histadrut's trade union department will meet urgent to discuss the "poor labor rela-

Criminal registry to exclude acquittals, cases closed without indictment

POLICE investigations which were closed without an indictment or which resulted in an acquittal will no longer be part of the criminal registry, but will be kept in a sepa-rate database under a different name, the state promised the High Court of Justice

The court was hearing two petitions against the way the criminal registry is currently managed, by Pinhas Fishler, who was briefly Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyaha's burean chief, and a man identification. tified as A.A.

Fishler resigned due to press heat over his "criminal record," which consists of seven files that were all closed without an indict-

Currently, the criminal registry lists not only everyone who has ever been convicted of a crime, but virtually everyone who has ever had a complaint filed against him. This includes people who were tried and acquitted, people with investigations or trials pending against them, people whose cases were closed due to lack of public interest, and people whose cases were closed due to insufficient evidence.

All this information is available to lists of people and institutions defined by law, though the lists are much longer for convicted criminals or people with pending cases than for people whose cases have

been closed. Information on the latter can be accessed only by the security services,

criminal evaluation service. Fishler and A.A. raised a variety of arguments - that the police should not be allowed to keep such records at all; that if it were allowed to keep them, it should not be allowed to show them to other government bodies; and that all lists except convictions should be kept separately from the criminal registry, since a "criminal record" stigma-

the State Attorney's Office, and the state's

tizes the person in question. In response, government attorney Shai Nitzan argued that these records were not only legal, but necessary. For instance, he said, the police might decide not to prosecute a one-time petty shoplifting case, but change its mind if the culprit committed several such crimes. It therefore needs the

information on previous complaints. Similarly, he said, a felony case would not be prosecuted if a key witness disappeared, leaving the state with insufficient evidence, but the security services might still not want to approve the suspect for a highly sensitive position, and would therefore need this

Databases of acquittals are a special problem, because the law imposes no restrictions on the use of this information, Nitzan noted. However, he said, the police have decided not to keep records of complete acquittals at all, and the Justice Ministry is working on a bill to restrict information on acquittals due to reasonable doubt to the same three bodies allowed to access infor-

mation on cases that were closed.

Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Theodor Orr, and Dalia Domer agreed that the law clearly gives the police the right to both maintain most of these databases and to divulge the information to those organizations specified

in the law. They also accepted the state's proposal on how to handle acquittals.

However, they agreed with the petitioners that there is no justification for someone who was acquitted or had a case closed for lack of evidence to be listed in the criminal registry, and the state promised that this information would from now on be kept in a separate database.

Nitzan also promised that the police would change the form letter it sends people against whom complaints are filed, so that it clearly specifies which database, if any, they appear in, and explains their right to appeal their inclusion to the head of the police investigations division.

Two outstanding questions remain, which

the justices will rule on at a later date. One is whether the police have the right to keep lists of cases which were closed due to insufficient evidence, or only cases closed due to lack of public interest. The law is not explicit on this point, they said, and there

are clear conflicting interests.

On the one hand, the "insufficient evidence" category includes many complaints that might be baseless, such as a complaint by an estranged spouse for which there is no supporting evidence in either direction. On the other hand, the police and security services clearly have an interest in a case closed because the key wimess was murdered.

"You've presented the police's needs, and they are non-trivial," Goldberg told Nitzan.
"But on the other hand, there are the individual's needs."

Another issue, the justices said, is whether a person should have the right to get a printout of the information on him in police databases. Currently, he can see this informa-

tion, but not receive a print-out. Fishler said he is very happy with the results of the hearing so far, as he considers

the separation of the two databases critical. "What the press did to me for three months, saying Pinhas Fishler has a criminal record, was today proven to be not true,"

Israeli

tour guides

barred from

Bethlehem

HAIM SHAPIRO

FOREIGN tourists and pilgrims

who visited Bethlehem yesterday left behind their Israeli drivers and

According to an order issued by OC Central Command Maj.-Gen.

Uzi Dayan, Israelis are not allowed

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Bezeq denies cutting off Internet service to Palestinians

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEQ yesterday denied claims by a Ramallah newspaper that it had "cut off" Internet lines to Judea and Samaria.

The newspaper, El-lyyam, said disruptions in the lines began with the violence in the territories 10 days ago and have since deteriorated even

Palestinian Internet subscribers number several thousand and include Palestinian Authority institutions, civil rights groups and universities, as well as individual users.

Bezeq spokeswoman Ayala Bar, however, flatly rejected the story, saying Bezeq does not supply internet services and thus cannot cut them off. Access to the computer network is supplied by commercial firms, which use phone lines provided by Bezeq. The problem resulted from difficulties with a regular phone line belonging to an Internet supplier in eastern Jerusalem, Bezeg said.

Company technicians, accompanied by a Bezeq official in charge of northern Jerusalem, went to the site to fix the breakdown. Bezeq officials met with the director-general of the Planet Internet server compa-

ny and offered backup lines in case of a breakdown. Bezeq said that heavy Internet users should order special lines, as ordinary ones are not suited to transmit data at high speeds.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ashkelon man shot by 3-year-old son An Ashkelon man was seriously wounded yesterday when he was shot by his three-year-old son, who started to play with the cocked pistol his father had left on the table. The man was taken to Barzilai

Security men suspected of shooting at a wall Two men who work for a company which provides security on the new road from Jerusalem to Gush Etzion were arrested Saturday night on suspicion of causing panic by firing their weapons at a wall for their own amusement.

The two were arrested after a driver complained of hearing shots, and thought he was being fired upon. An investigation revealed that the two had fired their guns at a security wall in the area. They were released on bail, with police examining the possibility they may have been responsible for similar incidents over the past two weeks.

Man held for robbing 10-year-old

A Nahariya resident, 41, was remanded for two days yesterday by the Haifa Magistrate's Court on suspicion of snatching a 10-yearold boy's piggy bank. Police told the court that the suspect came to the boy's house and

asked for a donation for a children's institution. The boy, whose parents were not home, went and got his piggy bank and came back to the door. The man then snatched the bank and fled.

MDA cancels mobile ICU in Western Galilee Magen David Adom is cancelling its mobile intensive care unit service in the Western Galilee today, due to NIS 800,000 in debts by the local authorities and Kupat Holim Clalit. The unit has been stationed in Karmiel.

According to MDA, the Nahariya Municipality owes NIS 335,000, the Acre Municipality NIS 163,000, and the health fund NIS 164,000. MDA said it appealed to the municipalities to pay their debts, but received no response.

Terror victim thanks Shaare Zedek after six months of treatment

JUDY SIEGEL

A 20-YEAR-OLD soldier who was critically injured in the February 25th Jerusalem bus bombing appeared last night before Shaare Zedek Hospital supporters to thank them for saving her life.

Michal Halevy, hospitalized for three months in intensive care and now undergoing rehabilitation at the Jerusalem hospital, appeared at the Ot Hanagid award dinner in a wheelchair. But she noted that "this is a great improvement on my situation compared to the ... day I arrived" at the hospital unconscious and without any

pulse or blood pressure. Emergency room doctors who treated her said that several times they had to cancel orders for a bed in surgery as they didn't think she would survive a few minutes more. But she did.

"The close relationship between me and the staff still remains, and they call, come to visit me and are interested in my health today too," she said, voicing her appreciation for doctors at the intensive care unit and Shaare Zedek nurses who

The Ot Hanagid award was presented to Weizmann Institute geneticist Prof. Leo Sachs for his outstanding contribution to the study of cancer.

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A policeman drags a demonstrator away from yesterday's Yesh Gvul protest at the exit to the Hasmonean Tunnel.

Police clear left-wing demonstrators from tunnel exit **BILL HUTMAN**

SEVERAL dozen Yesh Gvul activists tried to stage a protest outside the new exit of the Hasmonean Tunnel yesterday, but were quickly dispersed by police. Four protesters were detained, and several lightly injured, police and group spokesmen said.

"The tunnel doesn't fall into our normal area of protest, but we thought what the government did was so stupid and detrimental to the peace process that we had to do something," said Yoav Ha'as, a Yesh Gvul leader.

Ha'as said the demonstration was not connected with the reported plans by left-wing groups to launch a civil disobedience campaign against the government. "What we did was independent of any other group," Ha'as said. Fourteen members of Yesh Gvul, a group which calls on soldiers not to serve in the territories, walked through the tunnel, obtaining tickets as visitors, and

then met up with about 25 other members at the new Via Dolorosa tunnel exit, where they staged the protest. "We were standing peacefully alongside the Via

Dolorosa, not disturbing anyone, when the police demanded we leave," said Ha'as. Policemen dragged away several protesters who refused to leave, lightly injuring several, he said.

A police spokesman said the protesters were forcibly dispersed for holding an illegal demonstration.

Grandmother to swim Kinneret for charity

A GRANDMOTHER will soon attempt to swim across Lake Kinneret in an effort to raise money for the establishment of a home for autistic teenagers. Hanna Loecher, 52, a Dutch-born Jerusalem mother of eight, says she will swim the 10-kilometer, four-hour route within two weeks. Her effort will be sponsored by companies and individuals around the world. Loecher, who has been working for years with the disabled, is a former swimming instructor working, but she has never before swum so far in one go. She will be accompanied by a boat.

The home for autistic teens, which will be affiliated with Alut (the Israel Society for Autistic Children), is meant to care for those who are unable to function in their family environment. The home will enable the youngsters to remain part of their families, while benefitting from a structured environment. Sponsors of her swim are asked to send their tax-deductible donations

to POB 1371, Efrat 90435 or to the Alut/Jerusalem Hostel at 130 Elm Street, Woodmere, New York 11598, USA. Further information can be obtained from Zena Fruchter at (02) 9931992. Judy Siegel

Defense Ministry: Edri is MIA

DEFENSE Minister Yitzhak Mordechai met with the family of missing soldier Sharon Edri on Friday and told them that as far as the IDF and defense establishment are concerned, he is considered a missing solider being kept against his will, unless proven otherwise.

The police spokesman said yesterday that there is nothing new in the investigation and that the police still think that Edri's disappearance is connected to a disagreement with his unit comman-

to meet redundancy payments. Arieh O'Sullivan

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Acre factory strike ends

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WORKERS Electrochemical Industries factory south of Acre ended their 18-day The firm also stressed that prostrike yesterday after an agreeduction would not be affected by ment was signed with managethe cutbacks in the work force, ment over a recovery plan for the due primarily to the recent instalfinancially troubled firm. lation of new and more efficient production units.

Around 70 of the firm's 400 workers will leave the factory through early retirement or on agreed severance pay terms as part of the accord. The remainder of the employees

have also agreed to accept a pay cut to help the company compete and cope with the lower prices of PVC - the firm's main product - on international markets.

According to the workers, they will forgo premiums on their salaries in return for an increase in the hourly pay rate.

The company issued a statement yesterday saying the cutbacks would save the firm between \$8 to 10 million a year, with the exception of the first year when around half the expected savings would be needed

Senior Vice President Zvika

Greengold said the company's situation demanded "painful surgery." The firm lost NIS 15m. in the first half of the year, compared to a NIS 24.5m. profit in the same period last year, primarily as a result of a drop

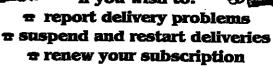
in PVC prices from around \$1,100 per ton to less than \$700 a ton. Greengold said he was optimistic that if management's recovery plan was fully implemented and all the financial goals were achieved, the firm would be able to successfully compete with its competitors on the PVC markets. despite the drop in prices.

According to both workers and management, yesterday's compromise agreement would enable the firm to stay in business and continue to be a leader in the market.

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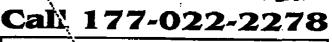
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Masood fires on Taleban fighters

GOLBAHAR, Afghanistan (Reuter) – Taleban warriors fight-ing Ahmad Shah Masood came under fire yesterday as rockets rained on forces gathering for a second major assault on the Panisher valley stronghold of the ousted Afghan military chief.

Fighters arriving in commandeered jeeps and pickups scattered as well-aimed rockets landed on positions at the foot of mountains at the entrance to Masood's heavily defended base.

The bearded Taleban, battling for control of one of the last holdouts to its lightning takeover of this war-ravaged country, said they were massing for a second onslaught after taking two strategic peaks on Saturday.

Earlier they said they were confident of victory but declined to predict when it would happen.

"I cannot tell how long it will take but 'inshallah' (by the grace of God) it will happen," said one commander, monitoring by sight and walkie-talkie the movement of his men up rocky hillsides under Taleban control.

This latest offensive against Masood which began early on Saturday, was the first serious warfare since the Taleban took over the capital Kabul in late September, which itself fell with little resistance from forces of President Burhanuddin Rabbani.

Taleban rockets and tanks shelled Masood positions sporadically throughout the day, initially facing only limited rocket fire.

But in the afternoon, as Taleban reinforcements arrived and shelling intensified, Masood forces from deep inside the winding, 150km. long valley fired on Taleban positions overlooking the gorge and then fired rockets at gathering Taleban forces.

Only Masood, Rabbani's top commander until Rabbani was ousted from power on September 27. and warlord General Abdul Rashid Dostum, control areas outside the Taleban's grip, both of them in the north.

Since his latest retreat to the Panjsher, which he successfully defended against Soviet forces in the 1980s, Masood has beefed up defenses in the snaking gorge, moving in supplies and detonating landslides across the valley floor. Taleban commanders said they

into position and were awaiting orders. One said buildozers had been shipped up to the front line to clear mines and landslides trig-gered by Masood fighters ahead of their retreat.

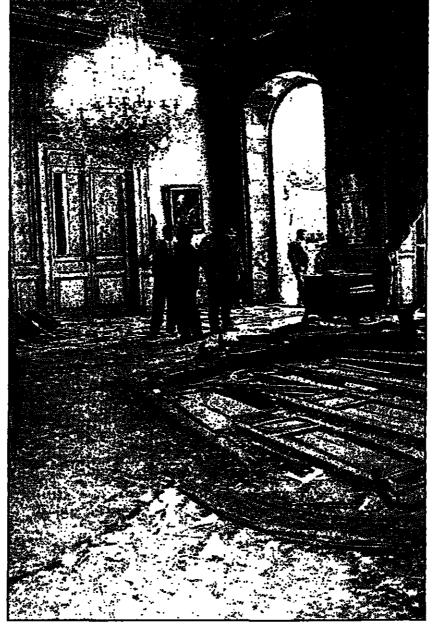
While military analysts say the Taleban would face a tough battle to oust Masood, who withstood years of onslaught by Soviet forces in the 1980s, commanders of the purist Islamic army said they were confident of victory.

These two hills are the most important hills," one said, pointing to the 2,500m. peak, and a smaller hill, part of a range towering over the town of Golbahar.

The commander, who declined to be identified, said the mountain gave views of the first settlement inside the valley, some 20 minutes by vehicle from the gorge's entrance. He said many of the 500 men

under his command had already moved into positions on hills overlooking the valley.

One doctor said a colleague and at least five Taleban fighters had been killed in Saturday's fighting.
A Taleban commander said only two of his men had died.



Investigators survey the damaged mayoral offices of Prime Minister Alain Juppe in Bordeaux, France after a bomb explosion Saturday night. The premier visited the site of the blast yesterday morning, which, according to police, might have been caused by Corsican separatists.

Pope asks for 'spiritual solidarity' before surgery *

VATICAN CITY (AP) — In his last Vatican appearance before surgery, Pope John Paul II yesterday elevated 16 people toward possible sainthood and asked for prayers from the faithful during his hospital stay.

After a long ceremony that put his stamina to the test, the 76-year-old pontiff was scheduled to enter the hospital for the removal of an inflamed appendix. The operation will take place tomorrow morning, said Giuseppe Pallanch, a spokesman for the Gemelli Polyclinic Hospital in Rome.

"I ask you to accompany me with your prayers," the pope told the huge crowd filling St. Peter's Square. "I send warm greetings to those in the hospital or in nursing homes, knowing that I can count on their spiritual solidarity.

When the pope finished, a man near the altar cried out:

"Long life to the pope."

Wearing emerald green vestments, the pope appeared fatigued and times his voice wavered in the sun-bathed square for the beatification, the final step before considera-

The pope's left hand quivered noticeably during the 2½-hour ceremony – an affliction that has led to widespread speculation he could be suffering from a more serious illness, possibly Parkinson's Disease. The Vatican has denied every report about a chronic condition.

The pope gave communion to dozens of people coming to the flower-ringed altar.

Many people came to wish the pope a speedy recovery.

"He deserves this small sign of solidarity," said Stefano Pola, standing far in the back of the square with his young

It will be the sixth operation for the pope at the hospital, dating back to emergency surgery in 1981 after he was wounded in an attempted assassination in St. Peter's Square. Those beatified included 13 martyrs from the pope's homeland of Poland. They were followers of the Greek-rite Catholic Church, which was united with the Vatican, and were killed by Russian soldiers in 1874 during Czarist persecution against religious ties with Rome. Sunday was the 400th anniversary of the Union of Brest, which sealed the union between Roman Catholics and the Ruthenian Orthodox of Polish-Ukrainian heritage.

Lebed in NATO on first visit to West

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - Russia's controversial security chief Alexander Lebed, in Brussels on his first visit to the West, said yesterday he would put new proposals to NATO to help solve a dispute over alliance plans to expand

Lebed, on a two-day visit to the headquarters of Russia's former Cold War foe, has argued that NATO expansion to its frontiers would rekindle old hostilities in Europe.

But the gravel-voiced general adopted a more moderate tone in comments to journalists on arrival at Brussels airport. His aim, he said, was to pursue "a complicated, but civilized dialogue" with the alliance over its future plans.

"Yes, there are some new proposals, but first of all they are intended for the ears of Mr. Solana," he said.

Lebed, President Boris Yeltsin's security adviser, was due to meet have intensive talks at the political

Solana on Monday.

Lebed, wearing a wide-lapelled black Russian trenchcoat, said he wanted to learn at first hand NATO's intentions in expanding eastwards. "We will evaluate the situation from the point of view of Russia's interests and security," he

Lebed, who has caused a stir with outspoken comments on European security issues, complained he had been widely misinterpreted in the West.

Some commentators of illwill have been saying that Lebed is threatening NATO with nuclear weapons, and saying Russia is ready to occupy some of these countries if there is the slightest move of NATO to the

"These are the worst fairy tales of the Cold War," he said. The reserve general is due to

NATO Secretary-General Javier and military nerve centers of the organization created to defend the West against a Soviet military

> NATO diplomats have been busily preparing the ground for Lebed's trip -his first outside the now-defunct Soviet Union and Afghanistan where he was on active duty. He says in the past he had been banned from travel because he knew too many

Asked how he felt on arriving in the West for the first time, the 46year-old former paratrooper

remained stony-faced. "I have no special feelings. I feel comfortable wherever I am,

including the West."

On Tuesday, Lebed will visit NATO's military headquarters at Mons in southern Belgium, where he will meet Supreme Allied Europe Commander (SACEUR), US General George Joulwan.

Danish police fear reprisals after biker attack

COPENHAGEN (Reuter) - Danish police were on the alert for revenge attacks yesterday, after a missile strike on a Hell's Angels biker gang party killed two people and wounded 19, in the bloodest incident yet of a Nordic biker war.

Police named the victims as 38-year-old Louis Nielsen, a candidate for Hell's Angels membership and Janne Krohn, 29, a woman party guest with no known connection to the bike gangs.

"We are always concerned about the possibility of a Hell's Angels revenge attack," city deputy police chief Henning Thiesen told a news conference. "We, of course, are trying to predict where possible reprisal actions may occur but it is not us who chooses the time, place or weapon," he said.

Police said that of 11 people still in hospital after the missile plowed through the walls of a Hell's Angels' clubhouse in Copenhagen's Noemebro, two were seriously injured, one of them in a life-threatening condition.

Prime suspects were the Bandidos bike gang, like the Hell's Angels offshoots of a US group. The two have been battling for supremacy in Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden almost since the Bandidos set up shop in the region in the summer of 1993.

Immediately after the early morning rocket attack police raided several known Bandido properties around the country, but by mid-afternoon had made only two arrests, neither connected with the missile blast, they said. Police were checking passengers leaving by

ferry for nearby Sweden and monitoring travelers leaving by air, they added. The missile was fired into the back of the clubhouse from a nearby rooftop and the attacker escaped, evading a police cordon designed to pre-

empt any raid on the Hell's Angels' annual "Viking Party", held despite a previous bomb Denying any laxity by police, Thiesen said the Angels themselves must take part of the responsibility for the attack by going ahead with a high-

profile party for some 300 people at a time when the building was a known target for a Bandido raid.

Two road crashes kill 73 in South Africa

Separate crashes involving buses included both drivers. killed at least 73 people in South Africa, police said yesterday.

On Saturday afternoon, a bus collided with a gas tanker on a northern highway, causing an explosion and fire that virtually incinerated the bus carrying mourners back from a funeral.

Initial reports put the death toll at 23. but continued recovery efforts determined 38 people died. a police spokesman said yester-

The bus burst into flames after ramming into the tanker, which was empty, police Capt. Heleen Swart said. She said 26 people

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) - were injured, and the fatalities According to Swart, the driver

of the bus apparently tried to overtake another vehicle and hit the tanker during poor visibility caused by a brush fire on the side of the highway near Warmbaths, 200km. north of Johannesburg. Later Saturday, 35 people died

and 14 were injured when a bus overturned into a ravine off a highway in Eastern Cape province. Police Superintendent Sarel Venter said the bus driver had been speeding and lost control on

a bend, plunging the vehicle into a ravine near Aliwal North, about 600km, south of Johannesburg.

HARTFORD (Reuter) - After At the same time, Dole had to months of shadow boxing, stay positive and keep the harsh-

President Bill Clinton and Republican Bob Dole prepared yesterday to meet face-to-face in the first presidential debate, with the pressure heavily on Dole to pierce Clinton's armor and revive his own fading election hopes.

The candidates were to meet for 90 minutes in Hartford's Bushnell Theater to answer questions posed by moderator Jim Lehrer of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

Connecticut's Republican Gov. John Rowland said Dole's task was to "unmask Bill Clinton" while projecting his own message to an audience that may approach 90 million people. er side of his personality in

"The debate is much more important for Bob Dole than for Bill Clinton. Bill Clinton is just sitting on his lead, running out the clock," he said. With Clinton leading by up to

20 percentage points in recent opinion polls, this encounter and a second debate in San Diego on October 16 may represent Dole's final opportunity to change the shape of the race.

"Bob Dole gets the first chance to speak without a filter to share the vision that he has," Dole's running mate Jack Kemp said on NBC's "Meet the Press"

Reform Party candidate Ross Perot was excluded from the debates because of his low standing in public opinion polls. But Perot said Dole would regret having to face Clinton alone by the time the first debate was over.

Pressure on Dole to pierce Clinton's armor in debate

Clinton, in an interview with the Hartford Courant, said he would try to avoid scoring cheap debating points and concentrate on the big issues facing the coun-

"The thing that I want to do is to keep my mind focused on what I say to people out there in the audience, how this thing relates to the American people and their future and not just score points," Clinton said.

The president is generally seen as the better communicator so expectations may be higher for him than for Dole. Muddying the waters were rumors emanating from the Dole camp that the Republican nominee might be preparing a surprise, possibly in the form of a "mystery guest" sitting in the front row of the audi-

ence, to unnerve Clinton. Dole campaign director Donald Rumsfeld, appearing on "Fox News Sunday", did not rule out a "mystery guest" in the audi-ence. One possibility was Billy Dale, head of the White House travel office who was fired by Clinton amid allegations of corruption but subsequently cleared in court.

Asked about reports that the Dole campaign planned to put someone in the audience to shake Clinton, Rumsfeld said with a broad grin: "We'll have to see."

While the debates often produce memorable moments, the evidence is mixed on how far they affect a presidential race. In 1992 almost 90 percent of voters said they were unmoved in post debate polls.

"I don't think we'll have an important winner or loser out of the confrontation. If that's the case, then Bill Clinton is the winner," said political analyst Kevin

"He's so far ahead here, he doesn't have to win here. He just has not to lose," he said.

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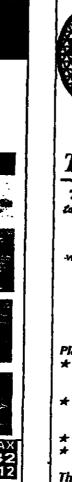
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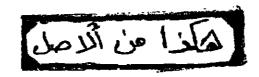
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With Anoult Grinberg, Gerard Lauvin, Valeria Bruni Tedeschi, and Olivier Martinez.

EL (Ben Stiller), the control-freak entomologist-hero of David O. Russell's wickedly funny Flirting with Disaster, has a very literal identity crisis when he and his wife, Nancy (Patricia Arquette). give birth to their first child. Adopted as a baby by a high-strung New York Jewish couple (Mary Tyler Moore and George Segal), Mel is suddenly eager to find his biological parents. So, armed with his birth mother's San Diego address, the nervous new father sets out for the reunion, accompanied by Nancy, the baby and a leggy psychologist from the adoption agency (Tia Leone), who wants to videotape the encounter.

Not surprisingly, the tall blonde Republican who answers the door in Southern California turns out not to be the right woman, and Mel and the gang must hit the road again, in search of his real parents. The adventures that ensue are crowded, chaotic and quite entertaining, and by the time Mel meets up with his blood relatives, he's managed to make a real mess out of almost everything in sight – his marriage, his sense of self, several rental cars and even a small federal building (that's the rural post office he flattens with a Mac

Russell's film ingeniously adopts the methods of classic screwball comedy to take aim against a contemporary target: popular, Oprah-styled psychobab-ble about identity, roots and healing. The psychologist character played by Leone is the unwitting butt of many of these jokes. In most crisis simutions, she'll make deep eye contact, nod meaningfully and spew forth some cliche about "issues," "sharing" or "being there for each other." Meanwhile, the physical bedlam that surrounds the characters keeps flying, cream-pie-style, splat in the face of her touchy-feely rhetoric. The broad humiliations (many of them sexual) to which the writer/director subjects all his people don't do much to help them "heal" or "connect" so much as

Although the film is mean in laces, the end result somehow doesn't sting: Russell's rhythms are fresh and playful and he takes care to spread the embarrassment evenly - almost sympathetically -

remind them what fallible klutzes

they really are.

around his strong ensemble cast. Stiller and Arquette have a sweetly rumpled quality about them, and Mary Tyler Moore gives a hysterically scathing perfor-mance as Me)'s uplight adoptive mother (at one especially over-the-top point she threatens her henpecked husband with a large wheel of brie). Lily Tomlin and Alan Alda are more dryly humorous as a couple of middle-aged Deadheads who turn up toward the end and recharge the picture just when the comic energy might otherwise have begun to flag. As a formulafilm, Flirting with Disaster does run up against certain limitations, but Russell seems to know what these are and enjoy the challenges they bring. The movie is both silly

BERTRAND Blier's latest film, Mon Homme, is also funny - but in a much slier, more perverse and elaborately raunchy way. The easily offended are hereby advised to stay away from the movie, which stars the director's graceful pixie of a wife, Anouk Grinberg, as Marie, a prostitute who adores her



Lily Tomlin and Alan Alda apply their comic talents in 'Flirting with Disaster.'

work, and who picks a big bear of a homeless man (Gerard Lanvin, in what can only be described as the Gerard Depardieu role) out of the trash, feeds him, has wild sex with him, declares she loves him, and pleads with him to be her pimp all in the same night.

The early sections of the movie are by far the most wryly erotic. Grinberg's manner is at once strangely direct and coquetnsh as she patiently walks her Johns, one by one, up the long flight of stairs to her bedroom, cooing as she goes. (The climbing itself becomes a kind of foreplay.) The reductio ad absurdian of the hooker-withthe-heart-of-gold, she's a sexual saint who declares that any man is handsome if you look at him the right way. And she enjoys the sex: When her orgasm is especially satisfying, she offers her services for

As in Get Out Your Handkerchiefs, Going Places, and other Blier films, male fantasies of what women want (in this case, to be completely dominated by a big stinking lug with duty, cracked fingemails), take grotesque, literal shape as the film proceeds. This time, though, it's not at all clear where the director stands: At times, he seems to be mocking the outlandish fantasy; at others, he seems hungry to indulge. The fact that he's selected his pretty young wife to play the happy whore only

adds to the movie's basic confusion - and creepiness.

Both amusing and unsettling, the film is almost too sophisticated for its own good, with moments of biting irony sliding suddenly into apparently dead-serious close-up shots of Marie reaching a climax as heavenly choirs croon. What is going on? There are, as always in a Blier movie, some inspired plot twists - the director never once coasts along on a predictable emo-

But Mon Homme doesn't have the ripe visual texture or feathery musical sense that usually make his movies so fascinating. All in all, the picture seems little more than a highly provocative mess.

The two faces of Luciano Pavarotti

TIM PAGE NEW YORK

PENING night at New York's Metropolitan Opera is the most glittering socio-cultural event of the fall season here, and last Monday night's revival of Andrea Chenier proved no exception to the rule.

The French Revolution seems to engender mediocre operas with the same fecundity that Ohio once showed for mediocre presidents. The composer of Andrea Chenier, Umberto Giordano, was a solid, fit-fully inspired craftsman, but the libretto, by Luigi Illica, is prepos-terous twaddle. A few rousing arias have survived in the repertory, but in general, you need a good reason to mount Andrea Chenier, with so many better operas waiting to be staged.

If you happen to have a Luciano

Pavarotti in the wings - ready, willing, able and eager to sing the title role - that is a very good reason indeed.

But there are two Pavarottis. One of them is a great artist - an ineffably musical lyric tenor whose voice suggests all the sun and sweemess in the world.

The other Pavarotti is a grotesquely silly (but enormously successful) media creation who bangs around football stadiums, lip-syncs to his own recordings in concert, lolls lazily through mundane middle-of-the-road pop songs and generally does as little work as possible for the largest paychecks in classical music.

Any criticism, however measured, of the "second" Pavarotti upsets some of his myriad fans. But the only reason musicians and critics are hard on Pavarotti-the-Commodity is because they know and love Pavarotti-the-Artist. Fortunately, it was definitely Pavarotti-the-Artist who performed at the Met on Monday.

Even now, past his 60th birthday. Pavarotti has the most sheerly beautiful tenor voice since Jussi Bjoerling (who died in 1960). And when he throws himself into a role such as Andrea Chenier - knowing every note, thinking about the music, attending all the rehearsals, working closely and sympathetically with his colleagues, shepherding his resources for the long haul - there is still nobody else like

A few recent tenors might have been smarter musicians (Placido Domingo and Jon Vickers are certainly on this list), but only Pavarotti has that sound - that honeyed, lambent, never-to-be-forgotten sound.

One might quibble a bit about Pavarotti's acting (a second-act duel scene, reduced to the clanking of metal on a busy, darkened stage, was a camp classic). It could be argued he is not necessarily a natural choice to play a doomed young French poet. And there were passages that, however briefly, sounded labored. But we'll be lucky if we ever hear this score better sung.

The supporting cast was fairly strong. Baritone Juan Pons toned down his usual bluster to deliver a fine, fierce performance of Gerard. Maria Guleghina, who sang the part of Maddalena, has much in common with some of the notquite-first-rank Italian sopranos who thrived in the early part of the century (Emma Carelli, Maria Caniglia et al.), notably a large and fundamentally well-endowed voice that she uses rather recklessly. To this taste, the results are sometimes exciting, but more often scattershot and a little vulgar. (On the other hand, it is difficult to imagine a patrician manner of singing a shamelessly manipulative tearjerker with a title like "La mamma

morta.") There was expert, unified support from Wendy White (as Bersi), Paul Plishka (as Mathieu), Judith Christin (as the Countess), Haijing Fu (as Roucher, Chenier's steadfast friend), Stephanie Blythe (the mask of tragedy as Madelon) and Michel Senechal as the spy Incredibile, who bore a certain resemblance to the rat-faced, oleaginous Marat, one of history's most loathsome

James Levine conducted with his usual efficient authority, although he occasionally let the orchestra overpower the singers. But the news was Pavarotti - and the news

(The Washington Post)

Making myths with a Greek musician

HELEN KAYE

UMPLED, his eyes tired and with a five o'clock shadow, singer George Delares courteously faces his second journalist of the day. His heart isn't in it. The mouth smiles, the eyes don't.

But there are laugh lines around the eyes, nose and mouth. Something warm and real is there, resting, waiting. The roar of affection from his audiences will bring

"Music makes the connection between the singer and the audience," Delares says. "The music creates the myth, and we artists sometimes forget that. Music makes even strangers connect."

Israeli audiences are not strangers to Delares. This is his

fifth visit since 1987, when he came because his hero, Mikis Theodorakis, had preceded him and told him that there were people here committed to peace. Until then, he said in an interview at the time, he was much influenced by the anti-Israel propa-

ganda of the time. His current tour opened last night with a show at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. Tonight, Wednesday and Thursday he's appearing at the Roman theater in Caesarea.

When singing, his high honey-colored baritone flows into and around the words and the music,

and sends them on. The rhythms, the tone, the harmonies recall the fados of Portugal and often, when they're not joyonsly capering, that mexplicable predestined sadness the Spaniards call duende.

"Greece is musically vibrant," Delares explains. "Its music respects the past and

never turns its back on its Byzantine roots. It has never betrayed its language or the long tradition of song. Because of that Greek music has so many colors and because of that I continue to

He has sung just about every-thing from folk to rock and back again "and I think I could have managed with about half of it, but if today I were to start all over. I'd do it all again. I'm very energetic."

Born in Piraeus 47 years ago, Delares had cut his first record by the time he was 18. Since then he has made more than 30 albums, the latest being Drunkards' Songs which recently came out in Athens.

For his huge and enthusiastic

local audience NMC has just released George Delares' Greatest Hits, which is disappearing off the shelves in local record

The CD is sure to contain the rembetico, the Greek exiles' songs from the early years of the century that made Delares famous worldwide, and "My Eyes," the anthem of the '70s when the military ruled Greece, and one of the first of Delares's songs to be sung in Hebrew.

Yehuda Poliker sang his songs in a translation by Ya'acov Gilad which most precisely captured the spirit of the original, according to Delares. And then they bought albums by the man himself.

He and Poliker met the first time he was here, and have met often since.

He likes Poliker "because he's genuine and has a lot of soul, and



George Delares has made more than 30 albums.

a singer needs that." In fact they will talk after he finishes with all genuinely brightens for the first time.

Arthur Hiller to star in 'Israeli Oscars'

TBC's hit comedy Frasier will resume production on October 16 while star Kelsey Grammer continues his treatment for substance abuse at the Betty Ford Center.

'Frasier' to

resume despite

star's treatment

But executives for Paramount Studios, which produces the series, said last week that Grammer will be able to film his scenes for that episode upon his release from the center even earlier - but with his role greatly reduced. The Emmy Award-winning comedy will then resume its regular production schedule.

The show's telecast schedule will not be affected by Grammer's absence, the studio said, because three episodes had been completed prior to the actor's admittance to the center September 25 and in the US, the series will be preempted for two and possibly three

weeks due to the baseball playoffs. Grammer checked himself into the Betry Ford Center a few days after he crashed his Dodge Viper. The actor was given a blood-alcohol test by the California Highway Patrol, which initially recommended that he be



Grammer as Frasier: Almost ready to return to the small screen.

charged with drunken driving. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office has not yet received test results or determined whether he will be charged.

"Kelsey sends his gratitude and appreciation for all the support he has received from his fans and colleagues," said a statement from Paramount.

IX original TV dramas, 11 feature films and 29 documentaries will compete for glory and some NIS 300,000 in 15 categories at the seventh annual Israel Film Academy Awards tomorrow at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium.

"Unlike the American Academy Awards we admit all the films made over the last year out of respect for their creators," said the Academy's Yossi Oren. "Our Academy Awards are different, despite their labeling by the local press as the Israeli Oscars." The finalists in each category will be revealed only at the ceremony which is to be broadcast live on Channel 2.

Only one of the 11 feature films has been screened in local movie theaters, Eli Kenar's shortlived Who's the Father? The rest, in alphabetical order, are As Tears Go By, Birds in Neutral, Dogs Are Color Blind, Eternally Youthful, The Italians Are (Los Angeles Times) Coming, Marco Polo, the Missing Chapter, St. Clara, Women and Under Western Eves.

Many of the documentaries examine Israeli society at the end of the '90s through the lives of various groups, such as a group of kids playing soccer. Many have been screened on TV, including the acclaimed Mr Mani.

The usual crop of VIPs and celebrities will be in the audience and onstage and the evening will be hosted by Yair Lapid. Veteran director and president of the American Film Academy, Arthur Hiller, is the guest of honor and the Amos Gutman life achievement award will be presented to cameraman Nissim Leon-Nitcho whose 50-year career started with the Geva newsreels in the '40s.

Last year's big winner was Lovesick on Nana St. which got eight awards including Best Picture, best actor (Moshe Ivgi) and best actress (Hannah Azulay Hasfari).

'Uncle Vanya': A family affair

RISTOCRATIC Sara Von Schwartze and Doron Tavori, intensely relaxed as always, got pretty vocal about the environment last week. Seated next to each other on chairs under a half-hearted fan in the drab rehearsal room, Von Schwartze's passionate advocacy contrasted with Tavori's indifference.

Chekhov couldn't have done it better, and the lovely irony is that five minutes earlier, their roles had been reversed in the scene from Uncle Vanya where Astrov (Tavori) shows the beautiful Yelena (Von Schwartze) the frighteningly fast decline of the surrounding forests and wildlife.

Chekhov's Uncle Vanya, with a stellar cast and directed by Nola Chilton, opened last night on the thrust stage of the Ramat Gan Theater. Veteran Cameri actor Yosef Carmon plays the title role and his daughter Avital plays

Vanya's niece, Sonya.

"There's a real link, and there's the character link," says Avital, smiling at her father, "because effectively Vanya is my father, and every time I say 'Uncle Vanya' I think Daddy."

Sonya's father is the pompous

HELEN KAYE

Serebryakov (Michael Kfir) whose arrival with Yelena, his lovely and indolent young wife, turns life upside down for everybody, inching Vanya. When the pair fir any leaves at the end of the play, Sonya promises Vanya solace in the world to come because joy in this one has been seemingly shattered.

Avital Carmon got the idea for the current production when she and her father saw the London Uncle Variya in 1992 with Anthony

Sher in the title role. A few months ago, she approached the ever open-minded Gary Bilu, director of the Beit Zvi Drama School, who adopted the project for his Sifria Theater. Tavori was the first person she thought of for Astrov, "and I brought Sara and Nola," Tavori finishes the sentence.

He helped, as he puts it, simplify Eran Baniel's translation, to make the language less literary and less distancing. "Chekhov hints at his character's reality," he explains, but Nola made it specific for the just the first of many.

actors now. Vanya has no direct analogies for us now but provincialism, worn out ideologies, desperation all exist, and sometimes [like Chekhov's characters], all you can do is tear your hair out and do nothing."

Tavori, who is on the short list to become the new manager of the Beersheba Theater, has nothing but praise for Chilton, whose style of directing, he says, has cracked open the dead layers of veneration around the classic "to the extent that the dynamics of interaction on and off the stage have intermixed."

To the extent that all the actors in this actor-initiated project hope it's

IPO adds a competitive edge to its 60-year anniversary

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

way, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra would have commissioned two works from Israeli composers for its 60th anniversary. But the orchestra decided differently and instead opted for a competition of symphonic works. And this coming Sunday the winner will be announced.

Rodan, the IPO's associate conductor, explains that "the winning composition will be performed by the orchestra under the baton of music director Zubin Mehta and might even be taken on tour if it will be a very good work."

Sixteen works were submitted to this competition, organized in tandem by the IPO and the Israel Music Institute which published the score of the three final works. and were given to a committee of five jury members: three conductors, Mehta, Rodan and Gary Bertini, and two international composers, George Crumb and

Ame Nordheim. Each looked at the 16 anony-

F Mendi Rodan had had it his mous scores independently and ranked them. The overall top three works have reached the final

"This Friday the orchestra will gather and read through these three works for the first time. under Bertini's baton. And next Sunday we will perform them live, in an open rehearsal. After that the jury will decide on the winning

work." Each of the final three works is about 20 minutes long and written for a "full orchestra and even more than that."

Even during the final stage the names of the composers will remain unknown to the public and performers alike.

"It is quite strange for a conductor to lead a work without knowing who the composer is, but ve decided to do it this way and I think it makes sense." The general public is invited, free of charge, to Sunday's open rehearsal at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv (8:30 p.m.).



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Netanyahu's Knesset test

THE 14th Knesset's first full session, which begins today with a formal address by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, is already showing signs that a stormy political winter is ahead of us. Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen has stated that the first parliamentary action Labor intends to take is to turn Netanyahu's address into a vote of no-confidence. Over the weekend, Meretz indicated that it too will back the motion. There is no doubt about it: after a long recess, the Knesset is back. It can only be hoped that Likud faction chair-

man MK Michael Eitan's call for all parties to respect agreements reached before the elections on the principles of public discourse will be heeded. The Knesset's past record of members stooping to rude heckling, loud name-calling. hurled insults, epithets, and gimmicky antics may be part of Israeli folklore, but it has contributed little to the public's respect for the legislature. It is important for MKs to remember that they are public representatives in the most visible part of Israeli democracy, and the image they project has implications on public perceptions of acceptable democratic behavior. This is especially true given recent events and the challenges that lie ahead for the nation, which will naturally stir emotional passions. The Knesset's agenda for the winter session is full, and it will require an effort on everyone's part to keep the storms under control.

The upcoming session will also be the first time the Netanyahu government's parliamentary skills are put to the full test. The coalition will face uphill challenges on a number of votes in which it is far from certain that it will muster an automatic majority. It remains to be seen how long it will take the government, which has revealed a good deal of inexperience in its management of political issues so far, to develop the necessary skills for the successful performance of any government.

Uppermost on everyone's agenda will of course be the peace process. Questions regarding the wisdom of certain government actions in this sphere will be raised by the opposition, and there will be debate on issues that are under negotiation between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Criticism can also be expected from within the coalitions ranks, from those who are not pleased at the warmth Netanyahu has recently extended to PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. Despite all this, however, it is unlikely that the government's peace process policies will be seriously threatened by the Knesset, precisely because a true setback for the government in this matter would spell its end, and toppling the government would certainly not be in the interests

of most coalition members. The serious challenges facing the government a dull winter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

in the Knesset will be in the social and economic spheres, which have been crowded out of the headlines recently. Whether or not the government manages to pass its 1997 budget proposal in anything resembling its current form remains a real question. Enough Likud members have already gone on record against proposed cuts in social services to have led to talk of an "internal opposition" within the coalition. Long-awaited reforms of the capital market will also come up against stiff resistance. Netanyahu's government, despite much bype, has done little toward advancing its plans for wide-scale "structural economic reforms" and privatization. If and when it does, it can expect a difficult Knesset battle. In addition, no serious discussion has yet begun on correcting problems in national health care, which continues to drain state funds.

Faced with the ballooning of the national budget deficit, a large trade deficit, a weak capital market and signs of an economic slowdown, the Netanyahu government must make the upcoming Knesset debate and vote on the budget a top priority and make major efforts to muster the votes needed to attain real budget reduction. Netanyahu has already developed somewhat of a reputation, in the press and among some MKs, of backing down when pressured. A major government loss in a Knesset vote on real budget cuts will have serious repercussions, both economic and political.

Other leading items that the Knesset will face include reforms of the legislative body itself and questions regarding parliamentary immunity. Ra'anan Cohen has already submitted a bill which would allow the Knesset to topple the prime minister in a no-confidence motion without it entailing general elections - a bill whose passage would have vast implications regarding the balance of power in the plenum. Suggestions have also been raised that the direct election of the prime minister be scrapped and that a minimal quorum requirement be established for Knesset votes

Given the relatively large number of MKs facing indictments, it has also been suggested that the institution of parliamentary immunity be reviewed. Each of these issues is worthy of consideration, and it can only be hoped that the Knesset will treat them with the proper balance of creativity and caution that is called for.

Finally, it should not be forgotten that the hallways and cafeterias of the Knesset have histori cally been where all sorts of unexpected deals and coalitions have been cooked up as MKs rubbed shoulders. The 14th Knesset's winter session should provide plenty of opportunity for this as well. It doesn't appear as if we are in for

THE HASMONEAN TUNNEL

Sir, - The search for the 2,100year-old underground Hasmonean Tunnel was not initiated by Zionist zealots. It was started in the 19th century by two prominent British archeologists. The re-excavations in our time were primarily intended to facilitate the passage of tourists from the Western Wall to the Via

The Moslems have always regarded diggings in the Old City with suspicion and hostility. Even the unearthing in 1992 of the impressive structures of the Omayyad period by Israeli archeologists and Jewish funds failed to earn their recognition. This negative attitude stems from the fear that new finds would provide additional evidence of the Jewish and Christian heritage in the Holy City, over which the Moslems claim exclusive ownership.

Dolorosa.

THE WAR OF THE MESSIAHS

Sir, - Michoel Dobry's letter on "The war of the Messiahs" (September 8) asserts that Rabbi Ahron Soloveichik "invalidated out of hand the assertion that [the] belief [in the Messiahship of the departed Rebbe] is un-Jewish and without firm basis in Halacha and Torah tradition."

In fact, Rabbi Soloveichik has toid several people that key formulations in his recent declaration were inserted without his authorization, and he issued a second statement regretting that he had been seen as "endorsing specific views... con-cerning Mashiach." Dr. David Luchins, who was in constant contact with Rabbi Soloveichik at the height of the controversy, published a letter in both The English Forward and the New York Jewish Week indicating that the rabbi objected to attacks on Lubavitch, but was not thereby repudiating his earlier teachings on

What, then, were those earlier teachings? On December 2, 1994, The English Forward quoted Rabbi Soloveichik's views, and on December 23, it published a letter from him confirming the accuracy of the quotations. Following are some of his

1. "There is no possibility whatsoever" that the Rebbe will return as the Messiah. "That could be pos-

A glance at the map clearly shows that the disputed tunnel is almost half a kilometer removed from Al-Aksa. Accusations that the Jews have been digging under the rocky foundations of the mosque are pure

fabrications. It is no wonder that Arafat iumped at the opportunity to raise an international outcry over the opening of the tunnel for his political aims. What is dismaying is that even moderate and friendly Arab leaders such as King Hussein and King Hassan have been swept in by this tide

of Moslem fanaticism. What a pity that the light we saw at the end of the tunnel, which was to lead us to peace with our neighbors, has been dimmed by hatred and bloodshed.

ELIYAHU TAL Tel Aviv.

sible in the Christian faith, but not

2. Such a belief is "repugnant to everything Judaism represents." The late Rebbe "can't be the Messiah - he is not living - a living Messiah, not a dead Messiah."

3. Rabbi Butman "means well but, out of desperation, conjures non-rational ideas."

In his letter, Rabbi Soloveichik objected to the original article for giving the impression "that I too consider the Lubavitch movement as a cultist movement whose followers are convinced that the late Lubavitcher Rebbe will be resurrected shortly and that he will redeem the Jewish people from exile. Such a notion is so unrealistic that it is the antithesis of the truth ... My intention was to relate my understanding that the overwhelming majority of the Lubavitcher hassidim do not subscribe to the notion that the Rebbe will be resurrected as the

Rabbi Soloveichik would surely be deeply distressed to read Mr. Dobry's assertion that 80 percent of Lubavitcher hassidim in Israel subscribe to precisely this belief.

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REALISTIC APPROACH

Sir, - When the Likud was elected to power on May 29, it was precisely to put an end to four years of Labor policies which brought division amongst Israelis, insecurity to the heart of Israeli cities and achieved nothing other than to reward terrorism and terrorists under the guise of making "peace."

The 1996 election platform of the Likud was clear and specific. It would be a disaster for Israel and the entire Jewish people if it transpires that the failed track of yesterday is being revived, albeit not in the same manner, and that the interests of Israel will, once again, be subordinated to pleasing others - so-called "friends" who are in fact no friends

of Israel at all. The present government should

know better. I have recently come across a book where the whole conflict and problems allied to it are brilliantly analyzed with emphasis on the dos and don'ts of dealing with them realistically and not on the basis of visions or illusions. It is a must for all including members of the govemment and especially the prime minister. The book's title is: A Place among the Nations and the author a certain Benjamin Netanyahu. MOSHÉ KAHTAN

Epsom, England.

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About time?

AMY KLEIN

tHE room pulsated with the rhythm of dancing. It was L lively with song and thick with the hot air of an active crowd; it smelled like a room full of men. Yet the singing was higher and the dancing circles, five or six of them, were composed of

For the second hakafa, the men of this Orthodox synagogue had danced into the streets, perhaps expecting the women to follow

This weekend for the first time I took a Torah scroll and stepped out in a new direction

and dance at a respectable dis-

But the women stayed, moved the mehitza aside and continued dancing around the woman holding the Torah scroll. She cradled it in her arms like a newborn. Her eyes closed, her mouth halfsinging, half-smiling, the look on her face was one of joy.

It was like watching either an intensely private moment or a forced one; I wasn't sure which. But I didn't have time to decide because then I was in the middle of the circle and the Torah scroll surprisingly heavy, yet soft because of the red fuzzy felt that encased it - was in my hands.

I rested the scroll against my shoulder like the other women had done and continued to sway with the music, the women surrounding me. But I couldn't close my eyes or smile radiantly. I felt an anticlimactic emptiness, like finally seeing a great work of art and finding the depth of appreciation refusing to come forth on demand.

The women continued to dance around me almost shouting, leaning in to kiss the scroll in my

arms. I was holding the Torah. This package in my arms was the source of what we have lived and died for over thousands of years; the burning of this physical object constituted the highest desecration and symbolized our destruction. And here I was, holding it for the

IN A different Orthodox shul the next morning, after hakafot the men and the women separated once again. I stood with women of all ages, some single, some with chil-dren, little girls who pranced around the room as if it were the most natural thing in the world to see a group of women reading from the Torah. One septuagenarian said: "It's about time."

I stood by the table with the scroll I had held for the first time the previous night night and read aloud: "And this is the blessing that Moses, man of God, blessed the Nation of Israel."

And here is where almost any Jewish woman would surely have laughed at how ridiculous I was. To the right, haredi and (some) Orthodox women would have dismissed me with a shrug: For them I had gone too far over the boundary - not perhaps of Halacha, but of tradition.

And from the left, Conservative and Reform women who had already experienced this moment many times over would laugh to see how nervous I was; and probably pity me for being afraid to overstep a tradition that usually left me standing on the "other side" of the mehitza.

So there we were, around 70 women, swaying between law and tradition. If we stray too far from tradition, we could find ourselves cut loose from the community; but if we don't truly explore what Jewish law permits - tradition notwithstanding we might be upholding unity, but forsaking ourselves. It started this century with

Jewish education for women. Somewhere along the way I came **Dry Bones**





to hold a Torah scroll and read from it on Simhat Torah in a

women's minyan. But where will it end? What is the destination of this wheel slowly gathering momentum?

First it's women reading from the Torah; some of us are already holding our own prayer groups on a regular basis. Perhaps next some of us will demand to be counted as part of a minyan, and as witnesses. Are we boundary-stretchers in danger of cutting ourselves off? The unknown is always threatening - to men, to other women, even to ourselves. We don't know

The women's reading has fin-

ished. We return to the main synagogue. One man starts reading the Torah from the beginning again. I follow carefully, newly aware of the melody and of the significance of reading from the Torah.

NOT

REALLY

As I hear the words, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," a calmness seems to descend, like a soft breeze.

The women are on the left side of the partition; the men are over on the right. It feels like everyone has done their part. For now, questions like "separately" or "together" are stilled.

The writer works for The

A return to morality

JONATHAN BLASS

THE events of the past weeks may be seen as a test of strength and nothing more. Yasser Arafat embarked upon the Oslo process on the premise that it would lead to an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital. The election of Binyamin Netanyahu upset that

Netanyahu's decision to open an exit to the Western Wall tunnel without first receiving an okay mitment to exclusive Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem. His insistence on renegotiating the Hebron redeployment indicated that Peres's Oslo 2 agreement with Arafat binds the present government more

in principle than in reality. It is "nice" to think that negotiations of negotiations being conducted without the threat of violence. But Arafat's ability to influence events is based only on violence. Pressed, he turned to the one lever available to him, that had served him well in the past, encouraging a wave of terror that killed 15 Israeli soldiers and

Countering with overwhelming force and standing firm in Washington, Netanyahu blocked Arafat's last remaining option to reestablish the status quo ante and cancel the effects of the Israeli elections, forcing Arafat to recognize the tunnel as a fait accompli and to agree to adjustments in the Hebron redeployment.

These are moves and countermoves in a power game; but the moral dimension raises grave

doubts about peace with Arafat as Israel's peace "partner." Palestinian policemen armed

with tens of thousands of automatic rifles supplied by an Israeli government opened deadly fire on Israeli soldiers and civilians. Or let's put it like this: The victims were shot with weapons provided to the killers, former terrorists, by to prove its sophistication - construed as freedom from "archaic" ideological or moral constraints allowed all considerations, even those of common sense, were

allowed to fall by the wayside. There's just one problem. Sins like murder don't wash away. Nor can they be "sweetened" by "all the perfumes of Arabia."

Sins like murder cannot be 'sweetened' by 'all the perfumes of Arabia'

the State of Israel. On an ethical level, the amorality of that is so borrific as to make

it difficult even to acknowledge. TERROR is a crime and

appeasement of terror makes the appeaser an accomplice. The Oslo agreement to arm international terrorists responsible for the slaughter of thousands of innocents was wrong in an absolute, moral sense. Pretending sophistication,

Israel's Labor government dis-missed all ethical protests, arguing that "one can make peace only with enemies" and "we can't choose our neighbors."

But where else in the world has a peace agreement been based not on disarmament, but on its reverse, on the arming of a terrorist group? In the Rabin government's zeal

In his second inaugural address Abraham Lincoln attributed American suffering in the Civil War to the sin of slavery. A moralist, Lincoln understood that certain crimes exact concrete, historical retribution.

Last week the entire nation paid tragically for the sin of the Rabin-Peres government that supplied Kalashnikov assault rifles to murderers. That government was forewarned by intelligence experts, by opposition leaders and by hunger strikers, who pleaded: "Don't give them rifles" to no avail.

.His predecessors' policies rejected by the electorate. Netanyahu has returned the nation to its traditional moral stance opposing the appeasement of terror, for ethical as well as for practical reasons. An end to appeasement is a first giant step forward toward moral regeneration.

But is coexistence with terrorists possible?

The logical conclusion of the return to morality is that Arafat himself should be brought to trial for his role in the recent murder of Israeli soldiers as well as for previous atrocities.

If Israel has requested, since Oslo, the extradition of individual terrorist murderers, certainly the man who masterminded mass terror should not be immune to pros-

Unrealistic? At this time, cer-

But why? In Bosnia, Serb leaders accused of war crimes were not allowed even to participate in recent national elections. The world rightly insisted on minumal moral standards. Why are Arafat's crimes against civilians, often children, more easily dismissed? Because they are Israelis?

Through the natural course of events, if not before, the nation will learn that the sin of terror cannot be glossed over, that murder corrupts the society that excuses its perpetrators (cf. Numbers 35,33).

Arafat will be called to answer for the blood he has shed. Ultimately real peace, one in which Israelis are not forced to look constantly over their shoulders to see if their "partners" are readying their rifles, depends on it.

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A push toward pragmatism

do not regard the summit in Washington as a failure, even though I'm not one of those who considered it a success merely because the prime minister didn't appear to have given way on any substantial issue.

There were at least two positive outcomes. First was the fact that Binyamin Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat could sit down and air what was on their minds.

While dialogue doesn't guarantee agreement - or even that the genie of violence can be returned to its bottle - it does show that the premier has finally begun to accept that our relations with the Palestinians aren't a zero sum game, and that the problem isn't determining who is right but how to move toward a tolerable situation that will be acceptable to a majority among

both peoples. Netanyahu has come a long way since, as deputy foreign ministe. in 1989 while the intifada raged, he chatted to a Palestinian in a cafe in the refugee camp of Jebalya in the Gaza Strip under the watchful eye of the IDF and then reported to all and sundry that not all Palestinians supported the intifada or wanted to see Israel out of the territories.

Even the most naive observer

THE PROBLEM with Netanyahu

his mind works.

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

could have told Netanyahu that only the village idiot or a mashtap (collaborator) would dare to sit freely chatting with a known right-wing Israeli politician in the middle of a Palestinian refugee camp in broad daylight.

In terms of understanding the Palestinians' mood, views or aspirations, nothing such a person had to say could have been of any value.

Labor's leaders claim to know for a fact that not only is Netanyahu opposed to the Oslo agreements on principle, he plans to do everything in his power to ensure that they come to naught.

I don't know their basis for saying this. I don't know whether, deep down, Netanyahu sympathizes with the hardline positions of Science Minister Benny Begin

Will the talks at Erez bear fruit? Only if Netanyahu's true allies are Mordechai and Kahalani and not Begin and Landau

Now circumstances have forced Netanyahu to confront the man who, more than anyone else, does represent the Palestinians' mood, views and aspirations, and the \$64,000 question is: What effect has the encounter had on him?

is that besides being an extremely ambitious man willing to go to extremes to gain and maintain power, we know very little about what he believes and feels, or how

and Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Chairman Uzi Landau; or whether he is willing to espouse the positions openly expressed by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, who appear to understand that "good fences make good neighbors," and that there is a basic contradiction between peace with security," and the dream of Greater Israel and the refusal to relate positively to basic Palestinian aspirations.

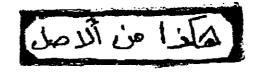
To a very great extent the future of the peace process depends on the answer to this. The talks which began yesterday at Erez will only bear fruit if Netanyahu's true allies in his coalition are Mordechai and Kahalani, and not Begin and Landau

But rather than talking about bringing down Netanyahu's govemment - which at the moment is simply not a realistic proposition - the Labor Party, Meretz and the Arab parties should be doing everything in their power to persuade the premier that he will be supported by a vast majority of Israelis if he follows the pragmatic line of the two "Oriental" generals in his coalition rather than the hard ideological line espoused by the two Ashkehazi

princes. Under the extremely delicate current circumstances it is more important than ever that the opposition act judiciously and responsibly and avoid doing what Netanyahu did when the current crisis began - trying to prove that it is right and the other side wrong. What we need most of all is wis-

dom, and plenty of it. If only wisdom prevails, everything else will fall into place.

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Suddenly, a Mood of Danger in the Mideast

By DOUGLAS JEHL

CAIRO HE grim expressions at the Middle East summit meeting in Washington last week were born not just of despair at the violence in the West Bank and Gaza that has intercepted the trajectory toward peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

A broader uncertainty lurks this autumn - a sense that a region that a year ago seemed headed toward ineluctable peace might be on a track back toward war. For King Hussein of Jordan and President Hosni

Mubarak of Egypt, the feeling is particularly stark. As champions of peace, they have tried to dampen Arab skepticism about Israel, assuring their citizens and their neighbors that it can be trusted.

But the clashes and their aftermath have so in-

flamed older hatreds that even Mr. Mubarak found it prudent to stay away from Washington. To many Arab ears, leaders like President Hafez al-Assad of Syria, who has scorned what he calls others' imperfect peace, sound now like they have been speaking with wisdom.

The shift in sentiment is not all that is worrisome. With the path toward peace apparently in stasis, at best, the build-up of elite Syrian troops near an Israeli post on Mount Hermon, in the Golan Heights, has multiplied the potential for trouble. The indecipherable motives of Iraq's Saddam Hussein have freshened the angst since the Iraqi leader baited the United States into launching cruise missile strikes that only Kuwait, among America's Arab allies, found it palatable to support.

And now Turkey, whose Ottoman forebears occupied so much of this region, has become a new source of puzzlement and fury with its schizophrenic wobbles from a military agreement with Israel to closer ties with

More than the West Bank is in motion. Syria, Turkey and Iraq are on Arabs' minds too.

Iran and other Islamic states. Even before the latest plunge into violence, Richard N. Haass, the director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution, wrote in the current issue of Foreign Affairs that peace in the Middle East could be thought of as "a stock whose price has soared: a correction is inevitable."

After the failure of the meeting in Washington to produce more than the new round of talks between

Israel and the Palestinians that was scheduled to start today, there remain worries that this could turn into Black October. King Hussein, who was sanguine even after the election of Israel's conservative new Government last May, was plainly gloomy after he and President Clinton failed to persuade Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to offer a clearer concession than hints that he might become more conciliatory. "

"The psychological moment when people begin to lose hope is close by," the King said in a television

For three years now, both the King and Mr. Mubarak, along with Yasir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, have relied on hope to prop up faith in peace agreements with Israel that have yet to produce many clear economic benefits. During the accord-a-year run from

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Turned On by Politics

Meet Arizona's Happiest Taxpayers

By JAMES STERNGOLD

HAT'S surprising is not so much that this conservative law-and-order state seems to have legalized the sale of marijuana, but that it took even the most ardent of the state's pot smokers nearly a decade to figure it out. "When I first read the law I

thought, O.K., I see this, but I didn't think you could really do it," Bill Green, an aerospace engineer, said while sharing a joint with several other marijuana enthusiasts in front of the copper-domed state Capitol on a recent afternoon. "I never had any idea I could buy a license and be a law-abiding citizen while I burned a joint. But I pay my marijuana tax now. I'm as legal as you get."

A license to sell marijuana? In the middle of a war on drugs, when national leaders are debating how best to wipe out drug use and trafficking? It may sound like a Cheech and Chong episode, but Arizona has offered since 1983 a "Cannabis and

Controlled Substances Dealer's License." The state insists the license is a law-enforcement tool, a way of hitting up dealers for unpaid taxes, but a number of smirking Arizonans, and at least one judge, disagree. A license, they say, is a license. The annual fee for this one is \$100, payable by check or money order to the Department of Revenue, License and Registration Section.

The state also requires tax stamps (\$10 per ounce, or about 10 percent of the street price) that, as carefully explained in the statute, must be affixed to the bags of pot when they are sold. It asks that mailings specify whether the drug will be sold by the gram or the ounce. The state has even improved the stamps, which bear a handsome little cactus sym-

bol, to satisfy users. "The old stamps just kind of fell off," explained Peter Wilson, the ing sense among Americans that ma-

the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or Norml, a group promoting legalization. "So they redesigned them and put on a better adhesive."

Mr. Wilson was cheerful in describing such details despite the fact that he was arrested last year for marijuana possession. His case has become the test for a law whose stated intent was to allow the state to grab the ill-gotten gains of drug dealers but has wandered off, like many things under the influence of marijuana, in a far different direction.

Shades of Gray

So far, at least, the license Mr. Wilson lawfully obtained has become a shield because he has persuaded a court — much to the shock and dismay of prosecutors - that the state could not have it both ways, making him pay for the privilege of dealing or ing pot, and then arresting him for doing so. It is a standoff that the State Legislature has indirectly encouraged through inaction. Indeed, ever since the case popped up a year ago many legislators have seemed intent on running from the licensing issue with as much embarrassed haste as they can muster.

While amusing in some ways, perhaps, Arizona's bizarre flirtation with what amounts to an ad hoc experiment in drug legalization demonstrates the rarely acknowledged shades of gray that underlie the battle over drugs, particularly in an election year when politicians, afraid of sounding soft on drugs, are presenting the issue in stark black and white.

Surveys show that the vast majority of Americans support strict enforcement against the sale and use of harder drugs like methamphetamine and cocaine. But Arizona's situation and the state government's two-sided reaction to it - condemning marijuana use while doing nothing to change the licensing law - reflects the grow-

rijuana is different from other drugs. number of people seem to feel that pot, if not acceptable, does not rank as a threat with cocaine, heroin or even, some argue, alcohol, and that users ought to be left alone.

Law-enforcement officials often describe marijuana as a "gateway" drug that appeals to teen-agers and leads to harder drugs and ruined lives. But prominent people ranging from Vice President Al Gore to Representative Susan Molinari, the keynote speaker at the Republican convention, have admitted using - and then dropping - pot. Many states,

including New York and California, have virtually decriminalized possession of small amounts, and most people convicted of possession are given probation, even in this tough state.

A Tolerant Climate

Acizenans will wote perfuments on a proposition, placed on the ballot through a petition drive, that would almost completely decriminalize marijuana possession, though it has been billed as a measure to make certain drugs available for medical purposes. Local, state and Federal officials

have harshly condemned the initiative, but it is given a reasonable chance of passing. Those caught with modest amounts would face treatment and education, not prison, and most of those in prison now would be paroled - as long as they had not committed violent crimes.

Under a 1983 law that has come

back to haunt Arizona authorities.

marijuana dealers can set up shop

and apparently escape prosecution

by buying a license and attaching

tax stamps to bags of pot. The

state has even redesigned the

stamps to make them stickier.

California voters will also consider a proposition, though far narrower, that would legalize pot and some other drugs for medical treatments.

W. Michael Walz, Mr. Wilson's lawyer, said he chose to focus on mari-

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The World

WEEKLY REVIEW

Thawing Out Cold War History

By JANE PERLEZ

BUDAPEST AS the Soviet Politburo determined to squash the 1956 Hungarian upristing right from the start? Did the broadcasters on the C.LA.-financed Radio Free Europe excoriate Imre Nagy, Hungary's reform Communist leader? Did the Chinese encourage the Soviet Union to crack down on the Hungarians?

No to the first. Yes to the second. And maybe to the third.

Until recently, many people believed the Hungarian revolt was a well-documented episode of the cold war. But now it is becoming clear that it is but one more example of how uneven our understanding has been and how much more history there is to be

The Iron Vault Opens

In the last several years, the National Security Archive and the Cold War International History Project, two not-for-profit groups in Washington, have been pressing governments, from Japan to Guatemala to Romania, to open up their archives to historians.

But access to archives that were once behind the Iron Curtain does not always mean access to information. Some documents are missing. Some have been

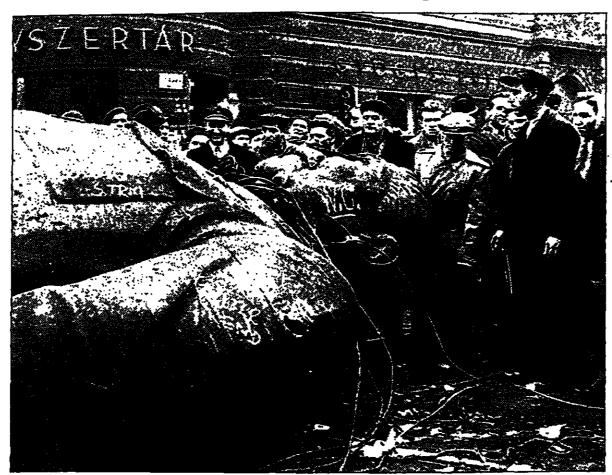
For instance, Prof. Andrzej Paczkowski of the Polish Academy of Sciences has found that the Communist leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, the man who introduced martial law to Poland in 1981, ordered the documents and tapes of the Polish Communist Party's Politburo meetings between 1982 and 1989 destroyed. Someone must have obeyed. The pages of the minutes have been torn and the tapes are nowhere to be found, Mr. Paczkowski said. That means that historians will have to fill in the gaps with interviews.

The same thing must be done by historians studying the Hungarian revolt of 1956. And so far, it seems to be yielding a lot. At a gathering last weekend of political scientists and Hungarians and Americans involved in the stormy events of 40 years ago, delicious and surprising new findings emerged. Archival materials, memories and notes hastily jotted down and stored in obscure places have started to fill in the cracks of that period. The Hungarian uprising is turning out to be an even

more disquieting event than historians thought. During some dramatic moments at the conference in Budapest, Maria Wittner, a Hungarian rebel who was imprisoned for 13 years, presented a paper of a fellow street fighter who happened to have written down some of the phrases used by Radio Free Europe to discredit Mr. Nagy in 1956.

On Oct. 30, four days before the revolt was crushed by Soviet tanks, one of the radio's commentators - all of them were Hungarian émigrés who had not been in their homeland for more than a decade — said, "Imre Nagy has not enough Hungarian blood to resign." On another occasion, the radio said Mr. Nagy "is not fit to

ern."... 'At the same conference, John Matthews, who was a



Hungarians gaze at a toppled statue of Stalin during the 1956 uprising.

young American journalist working at Radio Free Europe in 1956, revealed that the political advisers at the radio said Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty should rule Hungary. Mr. Matthews not only personally remembered such wild remarks but was able to support his memory with a discovery he made last year in a Prague attic, where the Radio Free Europe archives are now stored: he found a memorandum written by the political advisers of the Munich-based radio that supported Cardinal Mindszenty.

Khrushchev Wavering

Other, even more striking, discoveries came from handwritten minutes that were taken by V. N. Malin, a member of the Soviet Politburo, during the Hungarian crisis and declassified in Moscow last year. The notes suggest that Khrushchev was not at all sure he wanted to dislodge Mr. Nagy. He veered between letting the Hungarians handle the situation themselves and cracking down on them. Mr. Malin's notes also suggest that a delegation of Chinese Communist Party leaders, who were present at some of the Politburo deliberations in Moscow, may have been a big factor in the Soviet Union's final decision to send in the tanks.

Chen Jian, an associate professor of history at Southern Illinois University, backs up this account. He said the memoirs of a Chinese Government interpreter show that Mao Zedong saw the Hungarian crisis as a fundamental threat: not so much as an anti-Soviet revolution but an anti-Communist one. Under Mao's instructions, the Chinese in Moscow told the Politburo that the rebellion should be crushed.

The disclosures about Hungary are emotional matters for Hungarians and for the cold warriors. But they also make for heady stuff for historians with works-inprogress. Prof. William Taubman of Amherst College, who has been researching and writing a Khrushchev biography for nearly 10 years, said the idea that the Soviet Union was wavering about Hungary on the eve of the crackdown raised tantalizing possibilities.

The question is: Were Khrushchev and Molotov considering what Gorbachev allowed in 1989 - letting Hungary go - or was it just a crazed moment wherethey latched on to the possibility and then dropped it a few hours later?" Mr. Taubman said.

A Season Of Danger

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1993 to 1995, spirits soared along with the rhetoric of signing ceremonies each autumn. But for all the peace partners' proclamations, the darker suspicion lurking in many minds and articulated most forcefully by Mr. Assad is that haste has already led to historic mistakes.

And since the suicide bombings in Israel last February and March, followed by clashes between Israeli forces and Hezbollah guerrillas in southern Lebanon in April and then Mr. Netanyahu's election in May, the path toward peace has been left without momentum, opening the way to broader uneasiness.

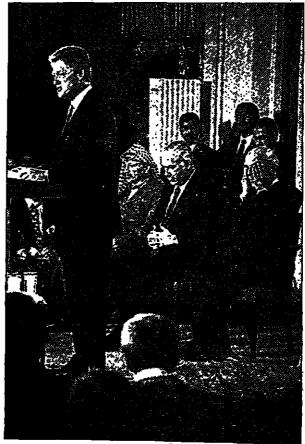
One fear that haunts Arab leaders is that Turkey, despite recent overtures to the Islamic world, has decided to align itself with Israel, having signed a military cooperation agreement last spring. On Friday, the country's Prime Minister, Necmettin Erbakan, head of an Islamic party, joined Mr. Mubarak in urging that Israel close the archaeological tunnel in Jerusalem whose opening ignited the recent violence, but there remains deep Arab concern that the pro-Western half of Turkey's divided Government would cast its lot with Israel in a crisis. Under the military agreement, Israel and Turkey can train in each others' airspace, and Syria in particular is worried that Israeli planes in Turkey could presage a pincer attack.

Remembering 1973

That and other uneasiness has been reflected in Arab troop movements. Most alarming has been a shift of elite Syrian forces in Lebanon to positions that threaten an Israeli outpost on Mount Hermon, the strategic peak southwest of Damascus. Diplomats think it less likely that this is an intentional step toward conflict than a reminder to Israel by Syria of the danger of remaining in a no-war, no-peace situation. But along with massive military exercises by Egypt that included a simulated crossing of the Suez Canal, the provocative gesture has rekindled anxious memories of the October of 23 years ago, when Arabs and Israelis last waged all-out war.

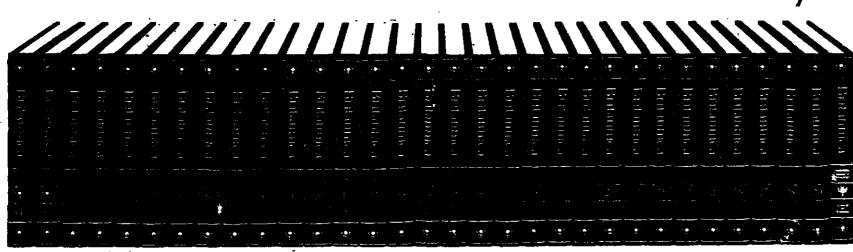
It was the Persian Gulf war of 1991, of course, that appeared to transform the troubled region by establishing the partnership between the United States and key Arab states that drove Iraq from Kuwait. But five years on, with Arabs growing weary of policies aimed at crippling the tenacious Iraqi regime, the latest flare-up between Washington and Baghdad exposed a widening rift. Forced to choose between pressure from the United States and public opinion at home, every Arab country except Kuwait showed its distaste for President Clinton's decision to resort to military action.

Urged last week by Mr. Clinton to attend the summit meeting in Washington, Mr. Mubarak faced a similar choice, and the fact that he said no underscores a widening Arab sense that this may be a season for new tactics. "One of our most potent weapons in confronting." Israel is the weapon of rejection," the Egyptian commentator Assayed Zahra wrote, "and that is one that the Arab states have regrettably squandered."



In Washington: President Clinton; Yasir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, and King Hussein of Jordan.

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The Pentagon's Quark

WASHINGTON Why does it take 5,000 troops to help 15,000 troops withdraw? The Pentagon found itself in the midst of a pre-election cow-flap last week when it announced that 5,000 more American troops were headed for Bosnia, just two and half months before the 15,000 American troops already there are supposed to come home.

Why so many? And why would some 3,000 American troops still be in Bosnia on March 1? Inquiring Republican senators wanted to know. Did this represent a not-very-subtle effort by the Administration to put a follow-on force into Bosnia without telling anyone?

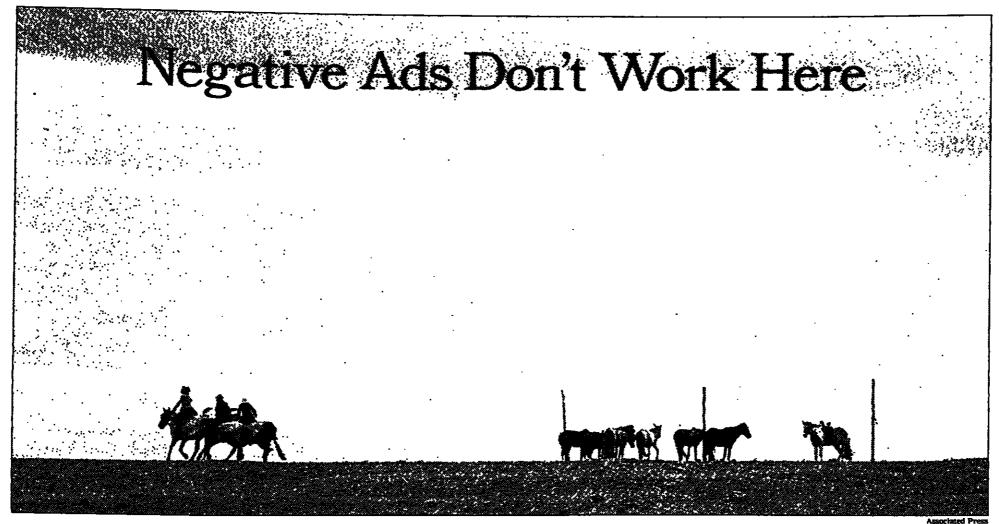
Defense Secretary William J. Perry and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, said no plot was intended. They said that if the Pentagon is to keep up its

force strength in Bosnia through Dec. 20, while insuring that no soldier is there longer than 365 days, and protecting the people packing up all those bridges and tents in the usual wretched Bosnian winter, an infantry brigade of 5,000 is the bare minimum. One State Department official said 5,000 troops is the military's equivalent of the smallest subatomic particle, the quark: "Something smailer has yet to be discovered." STEVEN ERLANGER

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The World



Mongolia, which held elections last June, is a land of plains and animal herders. As the country prepared to vote, these horsewomen prepared to compete in a weeklong fair.

By SETH FAISON

ULAAN BAATAR, Mongolia EMOCRACY is still relatively new here in the land of grassy plains and animal herders, so it's full of surprises.

Like the results of this year's election. Virtually everyone here predicted an easy victory for the ruling party, a bunch of stillin-office Communists, when election day came on June 30. They were running against a young and disorganized batch of newcomers who, describing themselves as democrats, had little government experience and less expectation of getting any. The opposite happened.

The reason everyone was so off-base is another nice surprise, at least to anyone jaded by the over-analyzed Presidential contest going on now in the United States: Little polling was done, and the few polls that were conducted got little attention.

"Why look at a pol!?" asked Delgermaa, a young woman who won a seat in Parliament (and who like many Mongolians uses only one name). "We all knew who was going to win. We were just wrong."

A larger surprise is that the transition has gone so smoothly. The ruling People's Revolutionary Party stepped aside gracefully, making way for the newly elected Democratic Union. The new Government has now drawn up a sweeping reform program, which was introduced to the new legislature last week.

Negative campaigning was a new blemish, but Americans sick of attack ads may be happy to know that here the technique mostly backfired. Delgermaa believes that a big reason she won was that her opponent accused her of giving away free flour and rice to voters. Never mind that Delgermaa admitted it was true. "Mongolians hate negative campaigning," she said. "They think it shows a weak spirit."

It is tempting to romanticize the democratic change under way. The new ministers and legislators, led by a 41-year-old Prime Minister, are young and idealistic and just plain enthusiastic about taking power. Their sense of excitement is as infectious as their plans are ambitious, and their political lingo sounds genuine and concerned with real problems.

Hard Realities

But that is mostly because Mongolia's problems are so very real: The old socialist way bas collapsed and the new market system still lacks capital and skills. Unemployment has hit nearly half the urban work force, inflation has eaten away at salaries and pensions, and packs of street children roam the streets to scavenge for food, even in the winter when the temperature gets stuck below zero.

Even in such economic straits, the transition to democracy that began in 1990 has gone remarkably well, as the easy transfer of power last summer suggests.

Effecting change is doubtless easier in a country as modest as Mongolia - just 2.4

million people live here, roughly the population of Brooklyn — than in a larger nation with a more complex society. "It's a small place," said Werner Prohl, a German who works in Ulaan Baatar for the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, a nonprofit group supporting research and democratic change. "It's really a few hundred people who matter in this country. If there is any scheming, everyone knows about it right away."

Yet Mongolia's experience plainly counters the argument, often voiced in the Far East, that democracy has no place in a developing country or in an Asian nation with "values" based on centuries of autocratic rule. Mongolian adults seemed fully capable of deciding who should govern them, and many rode by horseback for miles to vote. A full 98 percent of those registered to vote got to the polls.

"Asian people want democracy just like everyone else," Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary of State for Asia, said during a recent visit to the region. "What's happened in Mongolia shows that talk about how Asian values don't fit with democracy is simply untrue."

The Mongolian Government now attaches great importance to winning sympathy from, and improved relations with, the United States. Cut loose from Russia after decades of political subjugation and economic support, Mongolians worry about their portly neighbor to the south, China.

Living squeezed between two giants, Mongolians have often felt as though they had to side with one or the other. The Soviet Union may have dominated Mongolia, a common refrain here goes, but China would

simply consume it. It is an understandable fear. In the broad swath of southern Mongolian plain that China has controlled since the 1940's, and renamed the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, there are now twice as many ethnic Chinese as Mongolians. Buddhist temples were demolished and monks purged for years before a semi-tolerant religious policy was adopted in 1979. Chinese is the language of instruction in schools.

It seems unlikely that Mongolia's newfound democracy will irritate China's leadership, which is careful to limit any discussion of democracy among its own people. Few people in China seem to be aware of the recent changes here, and the leaders in Beijing have not voiced any territorial claim to Mongolia.

China's Shadow

Yet there is always a danger of trouble along the long border between China and Mongolia, because Chinese authorities are highly sensitive about any nationalist or religious activism that might stir up unrest among ethnic Mongolians within China.

While Mongolia's Government will be careful to avoid offending China in any way, it is eager to have American friends.

"American support is critical, because we live between these two giants;" said Batkhuyag, a senior economic adviser to the Prime Minister. "We're very sensitive to that. We think that Americans can handle these guys better than anyone else."

Self-Doubt At Last for The Swiss

By ALAN COWELL

HE sustaining myths of Switzerland suddenly seem as vuinerable as that apple on the young Tell's head.

With greater intensity than at any time in a half-century, Switzerland's seven million people are being pressed to look back at the moral ground on which their

survival was built in the Second World War. A wave of public reports based on newly released United States and British intelligence documents chronicling unsavory Swiss dealings with Nazi Germany has badly dented the nation's reputation for probity the very stock-in-trade of its financiers.

The Inquiry Begins

In response, the Government has promised an inquiry by historians and jurists to study, over a leisurely five years, the whole gamut of Switzerland's dealings with the Third Reich, including the fate of accounts set up by Jews who later perished in the Holocaust and of gold looted by the Nazis and then sold to the Swiss National Bank.

But the reports evoke passions that run much deeper than the bank vaults under scrutiny, confronting the Swiss with one central question: Were they, or their forebears, the Holocaust's greatest profiteers, trading not just in stolen bullion but also in gold, jewelry, paintings and other assets belonging to Hitler's victims?

The answers lie partly in the hard-nosed survival instincts of an idiosyncratic confed-

The nation questions its own stories about what it did in the war.

eration of 26 cantons, each as jealous of its own individual powers as the whole country is of its independence and identity.

If the irredentist rules of the Balkans were to apply here, Switzerland would not exist: Of its four official languages - French, German, Italian and Romansch - three are e of more powerful neighbors encirclir a tiny land with little more by way of natural resources than picture-postcard views and a talent for making noisy clocks, triangular chocolates and complicated penknives.

It is that perception of the small, independent-minded kid forced to live by wits alone on a block of bullies that colors so much of Swiss life. To this day, all Swiss men do compulsory service in the citizens' army, whose role is psychological more than strategic. That force is supposed to defend Switzerland's neutrality, the defining core of a nation that refuses to join the United Nations and whose citizens have formally rejected closer association with the rest of Europe.

"We live on this myth of neutrality," said Fritz Gysin, a professor of American Literature at Berne University, arguing that neutrality had always been defined as a strictly Western impartiality.

Indeed, the promise of Switzerland's immunity to the instabilities surrounding it has historically underpinned the idea that money in a Swiss bank is safe money. Even such leading Nazis as Hermann Göring banked in Switzerland. Adolf Hitler was said to have deposited royalties from "Mein Kampf" here - possibly another reason for the Nazis not to overrun a land that Allies and Axis alike wanted to maintain as a haven for secret dealings of all kinds.

But the concept of neutrality also underlies the current debate: What price did Switzerland pay for remaining aloof, and was it justified by the cost to others?

For Neutrality's Sake

The nation's wartime record toward the Jews, said Paul Rechsteiner, a Swiss legislator, belongs "to the darkest chapters of our recent history." Indeed, only last year did Switzerland formally apologize for its secret 1938 deal with the Nazis to prevent Jewish refugees from crossing its borders - an agreement struck in the name of neutrality.

The Swiss themselves survived World War II unscathed because of "economic factors, collaboration," said Mr. Gysin, and now, after years of studiously avoiding the issue, they have begun to contemplate their past "not with guilt, but with unease."

"This could have been handled earlier with greater charm and delicacy," said Hans Bär of the Swiss Bankers Association, referring to the issue of Switzerland's long reluctance to probe too deeply into the value and whereabouts of accounts left by Holocaust victims.

But it is a peculiarly Swiss unease, rooted in a readiness for obfuscation and self-deception that Germany's Die Zeit newspaper described as "a master performance of myth-building, from William Tell to the Alpine redoubt to neutrality." And the historian Jacques Picard sees in the land's postwar mythology "the pattern of behavior that is found time and again in Swiss history."

The inquiry that Switzerland is promising may thus be no more than damage control to try to restore the repectability that underpins Switzerland as a leading financial center built on Europe's strongest currency. And where that bottom line is concerned, there is simply no room for hand-wringing.

As Robert Vogler, a spokesman for Union Bank of Switzerland, the country's biggest. put it, "No one's closed their account yet."

A New 'Great Game'?

Afghanistan Reels Back Into View

By JOHN F. BURNS

KABUL, Afghanistan N the months before Afghanistan's new rulers marched him from a United Nations compound in Kabul and summarily beat, shot and hanged him, Afghanistan's last Communist President, Najibullah, spent much of his time preparing a translation into Pashto, his native language, of a 1990 book about Afghanistan, "The Great Game," by the English writer Peter Hopkirk.

Mr. Najibullah told United Nations officials that he wanted Afghans to read the Hopkirk text because of what they would learn from it of the 19th-century struggle between imperial Britain and imperial Russia for influence in Afghanistan.

"They can see how our history has repeated itself," he said. "Only if we understand our history can we take steps to break the cycle."

Mr. Najibullah, who in life served the K.G.B.'s efforts to eliminate opposition to Marxism, died a death as miserable as any his secret police meted out. But he might have taken some grudging satisfaction from the diplomatic flurry that has been stirred by the seizure of power in Kabul by the Taliban militia, a Muslim fundamentalist force that has done more to stir international interest in Afghanistan than anything since the Soviet invasion of 1979.

The concern has been as marked in Wash-

ington as anywhere. . After Soviet troops withdrew in humiliation in 1989, and still more so after Moscow and Washington agreed in 1991 to halt arms supplies to the Najibullah Government and the American-backed Muslim guerrillas respectively, Afghanistan all but vanished from the American official consciousness.

Last week, after the Taliban formed a provisional government and began constructing their new state along strict Muslim fundamentalist lines - complete with the closing of girls' schools and beatings for improperly dressed women, as well as at least one public display of a man punished with amputation — nobody at Foggy Bottom

needed a map to find Kabul. The State Department spokesman, Nicholas Burns, said Washington would be sending diplomats there "within a few days" for formal contacts with the Taliban.

Meanwhile, Mr. Burns said, the United States urged all Afghans to "work for national reconciliation" and for "a government that can reunify the country and respect the rights of all Afghans." He voiced American concerns about the protection of human rights, "especially women's rights," but added, "We will have to judge them by

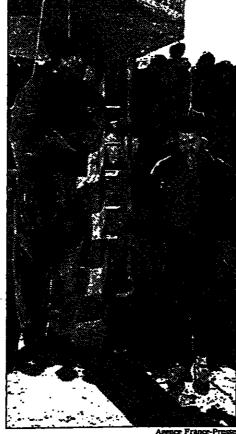
Suspicions About America

The statement did little to quell speculation in this region that the United States, for all of its qualms about Muslim fundamentalism elsewhere, was not altogether unhappy with the Taliban assumption of power. Some of the Taliban's fiercest critics, in Afghanistan and Iran, among other places, went further, and accused Washington of having conspired with Pakistan to arm, train and finance the Taliban.

Typically, such assertious, notably by progovernment newspapers in Teberan, offered no supporting evidence, beyond the presumption that Washington, spotting the enmity between the Shiite Muslims who rule in Teheran and the Sunni Muslims who predominate in the Taliban, would naturally have plumped for the Taliban.

There is logic in thinking that Washington will not be unhappy with the prospect of a government in Kabul that may limit Iranian influence in Central Asia, particularly since that government has unimpeachably Islamic credentials. And after the billions of American taxpayers' dollars that were funneled into the anti-Soviet struggle in the 1980's, only to have the enterprise degrade into a squalid civil war among the Americanbacked Muslim guerrilla groups, Washington cannot be unmoved by any hope for peace.

But American diplomats in the region are not rushing to embrace the Taliban, at least not yet. The litmus test, for this or any other Afghan government, is likely to be, first, the willingness of the Taliban to relax the harsh



The bodies of Najibullah, left, and his brother hang from a Kabul traffic post.

measures it has proclaimed to control women, including a ban on women working, and, second, the attitude of the rulers in Kabul on narcotics trafficking and international terrorism. In the Taliban's first foreign policy pronouncements, a senior official pledged that the Taliban would oppose terrorism and punish any would-be terrorists that come

into its hands. This, obliquely, seemed to be a response to previous American requests for help in closing down terrorist training bases that Ameri-

can intelligence believes have moved into Afghanistan from Pakistan, where the Afghan guerrilla struggle spawned a whole generation of Muslim militants fired by hatred for the United States. One of these was Ramzi Ahmed Yousef. recently convicted in New York of plotting to bomb 11 American airliners over the Pacific, and shortly to be tried for his role in planting the bomb that killed 6 people and left more than 1,000 injured in the World Trade Center in 1993. At least one terrorist camp has already been closed.

Tolerance of Drug Traffic

What is less certain is the Taliban's attitude toward narcotics trafficking. While the fundamentalists have said they will stone to death any drug trafficker, this seems in practice to mean that they will punish anyone selling drugs to Afghans, or consuming them in Afghani-

From watching the opium and heroin flow out of Afghanistan (at more than 2,000 tons of raw opium a year, production is second only to that in Burma, Laos and Thailand), Washington has concluded that the Taliban has followed the practice of other Afghan armed groups in tolerating, and sometimes even taxing, the traffic.

If Washington will be watching the Taliban closely, it will be no more hawkeyed than Moscow. On the heels of brokering a peace deal that is extracting Russian troops from Chechnya, Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian national security adviser, seemed last week to switch his emphasis and return to the domino theory of Islamic fundamentalism popu-

lar among Russian nationalists. "If the Taliban backed by Pakistan reaches the border with Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, including the city of Bokhara they want to annex, they will wipe away Russian border posts and see the road to

the north free," he said. If Mr. Najibullah were still alive, he would surely recognize in that the strongest echoes of The Great Game.

Ideas & Trends

Your Guts on Candid Camera

By GINA KOLATA

T isn't exactly "E.R." But Dr. Glenn Deyo, a general surgeon in Tacoma, Wash., videotapes all of his laparoscopic surgery. And he tells his patients that if they'd like a tape of their operation, he'll make a copy for them.

Bringing lights and cameras in the operating room was almost unheard of until recently. But with the advent of laparoscopic surgery, it has become simple for doctors to videotape operations. The surgery involves cutting a tiny slit in a patient's body and inserting a laparoscope, a tiny device tipped with a miniature video camera that transmits color images of the inside of the body. The surgeon operates by watching a television screen that displays these images. To make a color video of the operation, all the doctor has to do is slip a blank tape into the recording machine.

Some doctors got the idea that offering patients movies of their surgeries would bolster confidence — after all, a doctor who is willing to film himself at work must be pretty darn confident. But others view a doctor's willingness to film his work as a sign of idiocy.

Richard Boone, a lawyer in McLean, Va., who defends doctors accused of medical malpractice, thinks Dr. Deyo and others like him are crazy. What if something goes wrong? he asks. What's going to happen in a malpractice suit when the injured patient comes in with a video of the botched surgery?

"Any physician who markets to patients that they will give them a video of the procedure is an idiot." Mr. Boone said.

On the other hand, Patrick Malone, a Washington lawyer who represents patients in malpractice suits, said that, as far as he is concerned, the only argument for not taping is fear.

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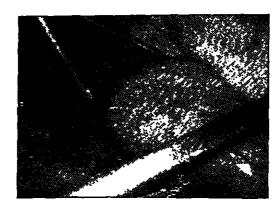
And therein lies a simmering controversy behind the closed doors of surgeons' offices. Should doctors videotape at all and, if so, should they offer patients videotapes of their surgery? Is taping and giving patients copies inviting malpractice suits? Or is it good marketing?

Dr. Deyo said the tapes are invaluable in providing a record of what he did. "We like to have a record so we can go back and review them if a patient should have discomfort or complaints," he said.

But then again, Dr. Deyo has never been sued by a patient brandishing a video. Other doctors, who have, say, "Never again."

And their lawyers agree.

Defense lawyers say that if doctors insist on taping, they should, at the very least, tape everyone and keep all the tapes. If not, they open themselves to charges that the very tapes they did not keep were the incriminating ones. And for heaven's sake, the lawyers say, they



A videotaped view of abdominal surgery.

Surgeons who videotape their work are darned confident — or stupid.

shouldn't provide an audiotaped narrative as they go along. The last thing a doctor wants is to pick up the frantic comments in the operating room when a routine operation turns into a nightmare.

Laparoscopic Surgery Updates, a monthly newsletter read by surgeons and surgery department managers, recently featured the debate over video surgery.

"There are two camps." said Dr. Eric de Maria, who is the director of minimally invasive surgery at Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia. "One is surgeons who think that what happens in a procedure is either not of interest to patients or not appropriate for patients to view." These surgeons, he added, "have a lot of liability concerns."

"They don't want to hand an attorney what is essentially an eyewitness view of what happened in a procedure," he said.

On the other side, Dr. de Maria said, are doctors who think of the videos as "a marketing strategy for patients." Those doctors, he said, "feel that it actually enhances the trust between the doctor and the patient."

"Nothing is being concealed," he added.
Dr. de Maria said he himself straddies the
line — he does not offer patients tapes but will
provide them if asked.

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What do patients think? Some like the idea of having videos of their surgery.

Dennis Heatherly, a 44-year-old registered nurse who lives in Gig Harbor, Wash, said he took home a tape of his operation, in which Dr. Deyo repaired a hernia and removed his gall bladder.

"This is quite marvelous, as far as I'm concerned," he said. It didn't make him queasy because he felt disconnected from the surgery as he watched it. "There's not any real realization that it's you," he said.

Joyce Peterson, a 65-year-old from Tacoma, who also was a patient of Dr. Deyo, said she has not yet steeled herself to watch the tape of her four-hour operation last April, to remove abdominal adhesions. But the fact that Dr. Deyo gave her the tape made her feel "more confident"

The surgeons themselves remain divided. Laparoscopic Surgery Updates told of a doctor who successfully defended himself with a videotape, proving to a jury that he had done nothing wrong in his operation on a woman with abdominal adhesions.

On the other hand, the newsletter also presented a surgeon, who asked not to be named, whose videotape was used against him in court. "The case was about the videotape," he said. "It centered on the videotape. I handled the case appropriately, and it didn't matter how many professionals said I did the right thing. You just had a bunch of laymen saying, 'Ooh, it's bleeding.'"

No Time for Fashion

As the Way of All Flesh Goes South

By CONSTANCE C. R. WHITE

OMEN, particularly baby boomers whose acquisitiveness in the last two decades brought boom times to the fashion industry, are revising their values: they're not cutting them to fit this year's fashions.

This attitudinal shift is related largely to the changing bodies and psyches of baby boomers, who have been a significant part of the market. Women are investing less in clothes and more in the real fabric of their lives — children, health care, careers, vacations and financial security. The trend is also in part a reaction against a fashion industry that, in recent years, has become its own worst enemy, casting about with peculiar trends like grunge, transparent shirts and an endless parade of styles from decades past. Pants, a kind of white flag sent up by designers unable to fathom customers, are ubiquitous in fall catalogues and store advertising.

"The reason fashion missed the boat is that everything was too tight," said Carol Farmer, president of C. F. Associates, a trend research company in Boca Raton, Fia. "It was body-shaping fashion that was not respectful of a boomer body. What does the baby boomer want? Certainly not polyester doubleknit, the stuff we grew up in."

Comfort Over Style

As boomers have aged, spending on apparel has decreased and more goes to services, said economist Carl Steidtmann, in his recent report for Management Horizons, the research arm of Price Waterhouse L.L.P. Apparel spending peaked in 1978 with baby boomers between the ages of 15 and 24, he said. Those consumers are now 33 to 42.

In a 1994 survey by Management Horizons, which tracks buying patterns and shopping attitudes, consumers said they cared less about fashion and more about value than in the past. The study also found that consumer spending on apparel has fallen steadily for the last 16 years. Though some designers are adjusting by offering more relaxed, inexpensive clothes, and there has been a slight but uneven increase in sales since last year's dismal Christmas, demand overall is sluggish.

Giorgio Armani, profiled in New York magazine last month, declared fashion finished. The system, he said, had broken down. Mr. Armani is correct: Women no longer follow the dictates of designers or fashion editors, the traditional disseminators of the message.

But fashion magazines, bent on pushing nevertoo-rich, never-too-thin fantasy while readers have moved toward a relaxed reality, share some responsibility for women's lack of interest in fashion. The disconnect between editorial content and advertising, flights of fancy and the real world, is evident in most of the magazines.

What message was to be gleaned from the cover of the September issue of Vogue, with two models draped in semi-transparent, mustard-colored slip dresses? Inside editorial pages displayed expensive, overwrought concepts like matadors and buildighting. Even when allowing for magazine-speak about playing to readers' aspirations, the images looked out of touch next to advertising showing the new, uncomplicated and moderately priced clothes available in

Vogue's biggest September advertisers were fragrance and cosmetic companies like Revion



and casual, less expensive clothing retailers like Lee Jeans and Tommy Hilfiger, which bought a record 22 pages. As for the top-of-the-line retailers, most put their money on accessories.

While fashion falters, other industries are capitalizing on women's mature shapes as well as their new mood. The travel business offers more adventure trips and family-oriented vacations. Women's participation in adventure travel rose from 54 percent in 1985 to 63 percent in 1995, according to Kathryn Cooney, president of Overseas Adventure Travel, a trade group based in Cambridge, Mass. At Woods Women Inc., a travel society in Minneapolis specializing in women's travel, participants have jumped from 400 in 1986 to 1.100 so far this year, said Denise Mitten,

Spas are marketing themselves as stress relievers rather than the weight-loss centers of a decade ago. Women's use of commercial gyms jumped 108 percent. to 3.6 milhon, between 1987 and 1995, according to the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association.

Publishers are churning out "The Celestine Prophecy," "The Tenth Insight" and other books meant to help boomers plumb their spiritual depths. Car companies has a magnificed dozens

of sport utility vehicles in the last three years, the better for boomers to express their rugged individualism. Even the number of nail salons nationwide has

shot upward. Seven years ago 900 nail technicians were registered with the Korean Nail Salon Association in the New York, Westchester and Long Island area; today 6,000 are.

Dividing a Smaller Pie

As the many baby boomers turn 50 this year, biology is shaping women's response to fashion. Clothes that promote sexual attraction and reproduction are, it seems, fundamentally different from those suited to cocooning and reaching maturity in a career or relationship.

A decade hence, a new wave of young people 15 to 24 years old — today's baby boomlet — may spark a surge of interest in fashion again, said Mr. Steidtmann of Management Horizons. Meanwhile, women's complacency, if not inertia, about fashion is likely to continue.

Women have not stopped buying clothes, but the industry will have to adjust to dividing a smaller pie as fashion moves to the outer nebulae of its customers' in es.

Happy Taxpayers In Arizona





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For Peter Wilson, marijuana is "one of life's little pleasures." Deborah Pine had it prescribed by a Dutch doctor to help ease a muscle disorder.

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juana defendants because of this climate of tolerance. "It was easier to be successful in this area because juries just aren't interested in convicting people on this stuff," he said.

Marijuana use is rising — many experts agree that the drug is one of the country's largest cash crops, with sales estimated at \$10 billion to \$40 billion a year — and public officials' public comments are generally as tough as ever. But as Mark A. R. Kleiman, a drug-policy expert at the University of California at Los Angeles, put it, "This issue does not have as much political salience as it used to because of the growing number of people who have used it."

Angry Arizona law-enforcement officials insist that they are anything but indifferent, that marijuana is not legal and that dealers will be dealt with harshly. But Mr. Wilson's case has been allowed to slide for 14 months and the legislature has passed up an opportunity to straighten out the legal anomaly. A bill that would have repealed licensing passed a State Senate committee earlier this year but was killed. John Greene, the president of the Senate, dismissed it as "a stupid bill," adding that "it made lawmakers nervous to vote on it." Mr. Greene said that he felt the current law was fine and that the courts would eventually correct the inappropriate interpretation of the licensing statute.

"Doesn't that kind of tell you something?" asked Russel Lintecum, a poet, singer and Norm! member, who was puffing happily in front of the Capitol and striking a conspiratorial note. "I mean, you tell me."

The issue arose in 1983, when the heavily Republican Arizona Legislature followed several other states and passed a marijuana tax law to give the courts another way of punishing dealers. The lawmakers added the licensing provision to create still another tool for snaring anyone caught with pot. At the time, some legislators questioned whether the law might be interpreted as a form of legalization. The questions were brushed aside, and Gov. Bruce Babbitt, now the Secretary of the Interior, signed the bill.

Blazing a Trail

The law was all but forgotten until 1990, when Mr. Green, an engineer at an Allied Signal plant and a regular pot smoker, tested positive in a company drug test. He was forced to undergo regular urine testing for the next two years, and got mad. "I felt I had to do something in retaliation, so I formed the Normi chapter here," he said, adding that for one of his first newsletters he examined the state's drug laws and stumbled on the licensing provision. He eventually bought a license and a sheet of stamps.

Mr. Wilson, who succeeded Mr. Green as head of the Norm! chapter several years later and who also bought a license, said he was worried at the time that his high profile might make him the target of a police sting operation. But he was finally arrested by accident. His wife, who has since died, had an ailment that made her violent at times, Mr. Wilson said. Once, after he called the police to help subdue her, she blurted out that he was hiding pot. The police forms.

ounces, but returned the pot when Mr. Wilson showed them his license. Four days later he was arrested.

Mr. Walz, his lawyer, argued that the charges amounted to double jeopardy because the tax, which Mr. Wilson had paid, was punitive in itself. The county magistrate who handled the preliminary hearing agreed and the charges were dropped.

A Legal Hot Potato

The state appealed, and the case traveled to the State Superior Court, which passed it to the State Court of Appeals, which sent it back to the magistrate, who sent it back to the Superior Court. On Sept. 26 that court sent it back to the magistrate, rejecting the double jeopardy ruling.

But the magistrate, John R. Barclay, said that as far as he was concerned the case was closed and that he would throw it out again. "Anyone

A law-and-order state gives a green light to dealers.

with one neuron left of legal knowledge knows that if they want to try this case they will have to bring it to a grand jury or refile it," said Mr. Barclay, a Republican who insisted he was merely applying the statute.

What has been the effect of this odd experiment? An increasing number of high school students in Arizona admit using marijuana, but that is happening across the country, and there is little evidence that many students know about the licenses. Only 84 licenses have been issued this year, and the state has collected just \$413,400 in licensing fees and taxes in the law's 13-year existence.

For people like Deborah Pine, the license allows her peace of mind. Ms. Pine suffers from fibromyalgia syndrome, a potentially debilitating muscle disorder. She said the prescription drugs she had been taking had so many side effects that she often could not get out of bed. She turned to marijuana with reluctance, she said, but has found it extremely effective, allowing her to be an active mother for her two children. She keeps her pot in a pickle jar on her kitchen counter on which one of her daughters has written.

ters has written, "Mom's medicine."

Mr. Lintecum, the poet, who is a Vietnam veteran suffering post-trauma stress disorder, said he spent years on anti-depressants that left him in a vegetable-like state. "Marijuana gave me my life back," he said.

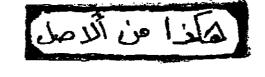
Mr. Wilson described his use as casual. "It's like chocolate," he said,

"one of life's little pleasures."

Some marijuana advocates are even saying that the licensing, if publicized, could bring a tidal wave of tax revenue that would completely

change the state's financial structure.

"Let me tell you, if that state went full-fledged into this and had a monopoly on legalized sales. I can assure they would realize incredible revenues," said Allen St. Pierre, Norml's deputy director in Washington. "It would be the richest, and the happi-



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By REED ABELSON MAGINE that somebody knocks on your door and offers to buy your house for more than you

thought it was worth. You want to take the money, but your real estate broker prevents you, insisting that the price will go up. A year passes, and you're still waiting. Shareholders often find themselves caught in a similar conun-

drum, with this difference: while a real estate broker can't block the sale of a home, a board of directors can - and these days increasingly does - slam the door on an unsolicited bid for a company, even when shareholders favor the deal.

· That is what happened at Wallace Computer Services Inc. of Hillside, III. One year after its board rejected an offer of \$30 a share, adjusted for a recent stock split, from the Moore Corporation, a rival office-supply company based in Toronto, the stock is languishing in the \$28 range, closing Friday at \$28.625. Shareholders, who overwhelmingly supported the offer, tendering nearly three-fourths of all shares outstanding at one point, are out at least \$74 million. They may be out much more, since Moore might well have raised its bid had Wallace bothered to negotiate instead of adopting a poison pill to thwart the unwelcome advances.

Moreover, shareholders could have been reinvesting that money in a market that has risen about 20

"If history runs true to form, the shareholders of Wallace were probably ill served by the board's decision," said Joseph A. Grundfest, a

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former commissioner with the Securities and Exchange Commission who is now a securities law professor at Stanford University.

Wallace's shareholders are not the only ones waiting. When Paramount Communications made a play for Time Inc. in the late 1980's, Time refused an offer of \$200 a share - or \$50 adjusted for a subsequent stock split. Seven years have passed, and the price of Time Warner Inc., created in a 1989 merger of Time and Warner Communications, closed Friday at \$39.50. And shareholders of the insurance company Unitrin Inc. have been waiting two years for their stock to trade significantly above the \$50.375 a share offered by American General.

What's going on here? As a company's owners, aren't shareholders supposed to be the final arbiters of its fate? Not exactly, it seems, A Federal court in the business-friendly state of Delaware ruled last December, in a lawsuit filed by Moore against Wallace, that a company's board of directors can overrule shareholders in takeover battles as long as it makes a reasonable assessment of the company's potential

"It is by far the strongest decision by the Delaware court on the justsay-no defense," said Andrew G. T. Moore 2d, a former Delaware Supreme Court judge who is now a senior managing director for the investment banking firm Wasserstein, Perella & Company.

While previous court rulings had established the primacy of the boards, this one heartened corporate executives and their boards across the country by giving them new am-

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munition to withstand hostile bids. At the same time, of course, it angered proponents of shareholders' rights and others with stakes in the outcome of takeover fights. Since it was issued, a growing number of companies have simply refused to negotiate with suitors. The Circon Corporation, a medical-technology company, for example, is snubbing an \$18-a-share offer by the United States Surgical Corporation, even though the stock was below \$10 before the offer and a majority of the shares have been tendered in support of the purchase.

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When Boards Say No to Holders

More than just sending a comforting signal to corporate board rooms, the ruling by Judge Murray Schwartz of the United States District Court in Wilmington has provoked a heated and often convoluted debate that goes to the heart of one of the great riddles of the corporate marketplace: Who should ultimately determine a company's intrinsic, long-term worth, as opposed to its day-to-day stock market valuation?

Should it be the directors, who have a fiduciary duty to make the right decision but who also tend to circle the wagons whenever their salaries and perquisites are threatened? Should it be the company's investment bankers, who have the expertise to weigh all the factors but who also may have a vested interest in keeping the managements happy? Should it be shareholders, who own the company but may be uninformed about all the factors affecting its worth? Or professional investors, like arbitrageurs, who jump into takeover frays in hopes of making a quick buck? Or Federal or state judges, trained in the intricacies of the law but ill equipped to act as

stock market analysts? For the moment, boards have the upper hand. But while directors are supposed to represent the interests of shareholders, critics say they often seem more than willing to thwart the owners' wishes, often because their portfolios are not on the line: Wallace's board and top officers, for example, collectively own just 2 percent of the company's

Boards justify their actions by invoking the recommendations of the investment bank hired by management as an "independent expert" to evaluate an offer. Wallace's board relied heavily on the opinion of Goldman, Sachs & Company, which frequently advises companies fending off unwanted suitors. Once Goldman deemed the offer too low, the board was able to refuse Moore's offer and e to the hoard De. feated, Moore announced last August that it was no longer interested in acquiring Wallace.

To Guy Wyser-Pratte, a New York arbitrageur who owns 2.3 percent of sis." Mr. Smith refused "to engage Wallace's stock, the board's defensive posture was overkill. "You have the moat, drawbridge and the alligators in the moat," he said.

Frustrated by what he views as the judge's essentially playing securities analyst in the case, Mr. Wyser-Pratte is trying to change the rules by asking Wallace's shareholders at the annual meeting next month to nominate three new directors and to defuse the company's poison-pill provision. His hope is to persuade Moore or some other buyer to take over the company or to force Wallace to increase the company's value through other means.

Not surprisingly, Wallace's board has come out against Mr. Wyser-Pratte's proposals. What is surprising is that the vote was unanimous, partly because the three Moore directors appear reluctant to be seen as insurgents.

What offends Mr. Wyser-Pratte most is the idea that the opinion of an investment bank should carry weight with either a board of directors or the Delaware courts. He questions whether any adviser is really objective, and he argues that the decision about a company's true value is best left to investors. "The larger question here is whether investment banks' opinions are bought opinions." he said. "The answer is clearly ves.'

As much as an estimated 45 percent of Wallace's stock was in the hands of arbitrageurs like Mr. Wyser-Pratte, who are frequently criticized as being out only for a quick buck. As a group, they thought Moore's \$30-a-share offer for Wallace last October was a good price for the stock.

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Up 1.38%

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To be sure, other shareholders thought the Moore offer was too low. Wallace was enjoying considerable success with a newly developed computer system. Profits were on the upswing. "We thought the stock was worth more than Moore was willing

to pay," said Eugene Gardner, a

portfolio manager for David L. Bab-

David Drake, the assistant direc-

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by Wallace."

tor of research for Institutional Shareholder Services, a Bethesda, Md., firm that advises money managers on how to vote their proxies, also supported Wallace's decision to reject the offer. "We backed a management that had produced superior results," he said. "A struggling com-

pany that erects a defense has less

In his decision, Judge Schwartz weighed in with his own analysis, concluding that Moore's offer did not adequately take into account the full value of the company and that shareholders lacked the tools to figure that out. Many of them, he said, "are uninformed, will cash out before realizing the fruits of the substantial

technological innovations achieved

Although Wallace declined to comment in detail on the dispute, the company contends that the judge's decision vindicated the board's position. The court "concluded that our board acted properly in not redeeming the shareholder rights because the board was in possession of information not available to the shareholders," said Robert J. Cronin, the president and chief executive officer of Wallace, in a prepared statement.

But critics of the board's decision say it was distorted by Goldman's analysis, which consisted of varying calculations resulting in a range of possible valuations. Mr. Wyser-Pratte and Eric Longmire, a managing director in Mr. Wyser-Pratte's New York firm, contend it was "replete with significant valuation math errors, and is therefore worthless." These errors, they argue, "significantly overvalue Wallace's share price.'

For example, they say, it is unclear how the bank arrived at specific valuations, based on the information that was publicly available. The two also argue that the firm systematically overstated the company's multiple in many of its calculations by using the share price on the day before the bid was made, rather than a four-week average, although the stock had risen in anticipation of the offer.

While a spokesman for Goldman shareholders were powerless to do refused to comment on any aspect of anything except elect three of its work for Wallace, Cody J. Smith. the narmer wrote a letter earlier this year in which he said that "we strongly disagree" with Mr. Wyser-Pratte's conclusions and "stand by our analyin point-by-point debate about our work," and asserted that Mr. Wyser-Pratte's own computations were flawed. Wallace says its board reviewed Mr. Wyser-Pratte's complaints and found "no substance" to his contentions.

No doubt there is little love lost between the two parties. Mr. Smith is the Goldman partner who faced off once before against Mr. Wyser-Pratte in his proxy battle with the Van Dorn Company after it refused a buyout offer from the Crown, Cork and Seal Company in 1992. After a yearlong battle, Van Dorn surrendered.

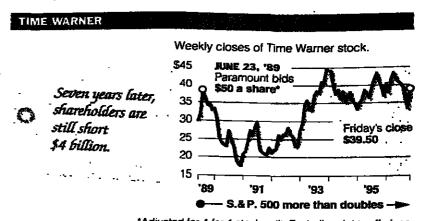
In theory, investment banks are paid to speak frankly about a compamy's worth, not to tell management what it wants to hear. While they may not come out publicly in favor of an unsolicited bid, they frequently work behind the scenes to convince recalcitrant managements to accept an offer. If they advise a company to refuse an offer, it is because they know something shareholders do not, like the impact of new product or a pending legal settlement on the value of the company, their defenders say

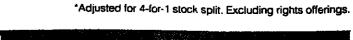
"The bankers aren't advocates. They are independent financial experts," said Harvey Pitt, a securities lawyer in Washington. Investment bankers would not put their opinions on the line "unless they were confident they assessed the relevant facts," he said.

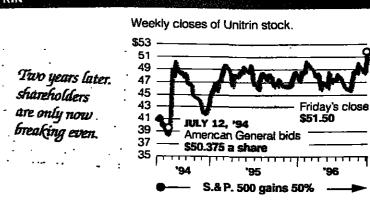
Even so, questions about the objectivity of investment banks keep cropping up. "If it's a hostile bid, they'll always say it's inadequate," said Frederick Green, the portfolio manager for the Merger Fund,

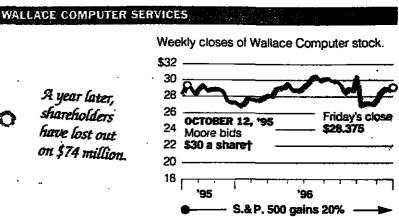
The Price of Saying No.

At the following three companies, the boards of directors refused a takeover offer. When the cases went to court in Delaware, the judges sided with the boards. But shareholders had to wait - and some are still waiting for the stock to reach the price the board considered too low. The companies either declined to comment or said that their plans to increase shareholder value were still on track.









Source Datastream

†Adjusted for 2-for-1 stock split. The New York Times

is roughly the same line taken by shareholders who filed a class-action lawsuit against Wallace in a Delaware state court last year, arguing that the board had not acted in their best interests. The Suit also contended that Goldman, which earned about \$8 million for its trouble, was hired not to render a disinterested opinion but to lend support to man-

Although the judge in the Federal suit disagreed, saying that Goldman's fee arrangement did not prejudice it one way or the other because the firm would have made roughly the same or more if the takeover had occurred, Vincent R. Cappucci, the shareholders' lawyer, argues that Goldman wanted to protect its relationship with Wallace and make sure it would continue to be hired by other companies. "In any individual case, the compensation to the financial adviser may not be a significant sum of its own right," he said. "Goldman has an interest in continually being retained." The shareholders' suit was dropped, however, after the favorable ruling by Judge Schwartz in Federal court.

Some companies seem to be fairly open about their desire for a bouncer. United States Surgical contends in a lawsuit that seeks to prevent Circon from using a poison pill that Circon's board is doing just that. The chairman of Circon, Richard A. Auhll, wrote a letter to employees in August saving the company had "retained expert financial and legal advisers to help us prevail, no matter what U.S.S.C. does." In the letter. Mr. Auhll emphasized the board's position that shareholders would be able to realize substantial future value for their stock. "We do not need to sell the company to create this value for our stockholders," he said.

While Circon would not comment on the lawsuit, a spokeswoman emphasized that the board was performing its fiduciary obligations.

What sparring like that between Mr. Wyser-Pratte and Goldman also makes clear is that even the socalled experts differ on how to value a company. The not-too-surprising conclusion of the independent expert

which speculates on takeovers. That retained by Moore was that Goldman's analysis overvalued Wallace's stock. In a report by Ian Fisher, a former Merrill Lynch banker who heads his own New York consulting firm, Goldman is accused of relying on multiples that were too high and discount rates that were too low in reaching its conclusion.

What's more, critics say, Goldman's analysis depended on management's own opinion about the success of its strategy in the future. Managements are notorious for being overly optimistic, and while the judge was comfortable in accepting the notion that Wallace could reasonably expect to duplicate its recent success, others are not quite so sure.

In their now-withdrawn suit, the shareholders noted that Wallace executives had used sales and earnings projections that were "substantially higher" than the ones they used in their strategic plan two months earlier in order to bolster its case, once the company became the subject of a takeover offer. Moore raised similar issues in its suit. According to Mr. Fisher, the new projections caused Goldman to add nearly \$12 to the value of the stock in one case. The company argued that it had failed to give itself enough credit for recent manufacturing innovations, and the judge concurred.

While there are times when shareholders are kept in the dark, Wallace's hopes and dreams hardly seem a secret. "What should be required is for Goldman to present its valuation analysis to shareholders and let them decide," said Robert Bruner, a professor of business administration at the University of Virginia. "If Goldman's analysis is true, and if the information presented is true, the share price should adjust."

In the Wallace situation, once the decision was no longer in shareholders' hands. Judge Schwartz was forced, in effect, to play the role of stock analyst. It is not a part that he or any other jurist is ideally suited for, in the view of many. "Courts are the worst agencies imaginable to go and make these substantive judgments," said Mr. Moore, the former Delaware judge.

Source Goldman, Sachs & Co. Exchange rates as of Friday's London close 9 1996 The Financial Times Ltd., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Standard & Poor's. THOREPIES

Exchange rate	Friday	Last Friday	Week % Chg.	Year Ago
Japanese yen to the U.S. dollar	111.80	110.83	+0.87	100.43
German marks to the U.S. dollar	1.5321	1.5235	+0.56	1.4205
Canadian dollars to the U.S. dollar	1.3543	1:3628	-0.62	1.3315
U.S. dollars to the British pound	1.5640	1.5630	+0.06	1.5847

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The High Court Drama Begins

With a docket packed with important cases touching on some of the most difficult and controversial issues of the day, the Supreme Cort opens a new term tomorrow amid a heightened sense of drama, and even apprehension. The justices themselves greatly added to the suspense surrounding the term last week by adding two cases on physician-assisted suicide to the calendar.

This is a Court saddled with big ideological rifts and still struggling to define itself. The rich caseload presents no shortage of opportunities to stake out some lofty ground on basic constitutional principles, much as the Court did last term in invalidating the men-only admissions policy at the Virginia Military Institute and in striking down Colorado's anti-gay ordinance. But this is also a Court with a determined conservative majority suspicious of Federal authority and bent on eviscerating legislative remedies for racial injustice. Moreover, some of the cases the Court has taken raise complex questions that defy easy answers along traditional ideological lines, setting the stage for battles that are both messy and riveting.

One major fight involves a challenge to the Brady gun-control law. Narrowly approved by Congress in 1994, it sensibly requires local law enforcement officials to perform background checks of gun purchasers during a five-day waiting period. Given the Court's emphasis of late on the limits of Federal power, the law appears to be in jeopardy.

In another prominent case, President Clinton has asked the Court to defer proceedings in the sexual harassment lawsuit filed against him by a former Arkansas state employee, Paula Jones, until he leaves office. Rejecting his request would affirm the bedrock constitutional principle that no citizen, even a sitting President, is above the law.

For the fourth time in five years, redistricting is a battleground. The Court will be reviewing whether a lower court in Georgia violated the Voting Rights Act when it reduced the number of majority-black Congressional districts in the state to one from three. This is an opportune moment for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to step back some from her recent decisions weakening the act.

Other notable cases ask the Court to resolve free-speech disputes in a variety of provocative contexts. For example, the Court will be responding to sound decisions by two separate judicial panels striking down an unconstitutional and wholly unneeded Congressional statute censoring the Internet. A clear and well-reasoned ruling from the high court granting maximum protection for free speech in cyberspace would be a welcome antidote to the Court's confusing opinion commenting on similar issues in a cable television case last term.

But the assisted suicide cases are bound to be the centerpiece of the new term. The Court is looking at rulings from New York and Washington State that use different reasoning to uphold the right to die. The justices may duck the issue by passing it back to state legislatures. But that would be a serious abdication given the profound constitutional issue of personal autonomy raised by the cases.

The Court's challenge is to frame a solution that recognizes both the fundamental right of terminally ill patients to die with dignity and the need for carefully tailored safeguards to determine their true wishes and to protect their rights along with the integrity of the medical profession. In this, as with the other hard cases this term, Americans are looking to the high court for sound legal judgments, imbued with fairness and a clear-thinking commitment to constitutional freedoms.

A Shaky Peace in Northern Ireland

supposed to be addressing the political issues at the core of the conflict. Instead they are going nowhere, haunted by the Irish Republican Army's reckless decision to resume deadly bombing attacks in Britain and all but paralyzed by a Protestant Unionist demand to revise the compromise disarmament formula on which the talks are premised.

Last week, David Trimble of the Ulster Unionist Party, usually the most moderate of the Unionist leaders in the talks, set a new condition for allowing the I.R.A.'s political wing, Sinn Fein, to join the negotiations. He now demands that even if the I.R.A. declares a new cease-fire, its members must start handing over their weapons before Sinn Fein can enter the talks.

That goes well beyond the position of the British and Irish Governments, which calls for disarmament timetables for all paramilitary groups to be worked out as the talks proceed, with progress on other issues building the confidence needed to turn over the weapons.

Under this compromise formula, put forward by the independent chairman of the talks, former United States Senator George Mitchell, no aspect of the peace agreement would be final until all

By now, the Northern Ireland peace talks were issues, including the weapons issue, were resolved. Little progress is expected until next year's British, Ulster and Irish elections have passed. But as recent events in the Middle East suggest, a loss in negotiating momentum can quickly lead to tragic escalations in violence. Protestant paramilitary groups now indicate that they may return to terrorism and there is a growing danger that the I.R.A. could carry its current bombing campaign back to Ulster itself, where a fragile cease-fire still

> Those risks make it imperative that the three main sponsors of the talks, Britain, Ireland and the United States, press the Protestants to move ahead on the Mitchell formula for discussing disarmament alongside other issues, just as they must continue to press Sinn Fein and the I.R.A. to renounce violence permanently. In practice, Britain, which has worked closely with Mr. Trimble in the past, has the greatest chance of persuading the Unionists to compromise.

> All those on both sides who believe in peace ought to recognize that the only alternative to moving forward is sliding back toward the death and destruction that have brutalized Northern Ireland for the past quarter century and more.

Editorial Notebook

Cook the Geese

The nip in the evening air heralds another cycle in the suburban critter wars. Summer has faded away, and with it the conflict between the rights of coyotes and the

safety of the family poodles. Soon we will say hello to the deer, farewell to the shrubbery. Then comes spring and the annual goose debates.

"I think you could run for President on this issue," says Charles Holbrook of the animal overpopulation issue. Mr. Holbrook is the town supervisor in Clarkstown N.Y., a community on the cutting edge when it comes to goose disposal. Under his leadership, the town rounded up about 350 of its thousand-plus birds during molting season for a ride to a meat processor. Goose-lovers sport T-shirts bearing uncomplimentary slogans about Mr. Holbrook, but he says he was hardened to such affronts during an early career as a high school

A disinterested observer might find it strange that anyone would defend the wild geese that cover school playgrounds with their droppings, or argue for protecting deer herds in neighborhoods aiready plagued with Lyme disease. But we are overurbanized creatures, selfconscious about our collective guilt. Remember what we did to the buffalo, to the carrier pigeon, to Bambi's mom? (O.K., she was fictional, but it was still our fault.) We presume the deer, the geese, the coyotes were here first, so it is our obligation to accommodate their needs, whether they be eating the landscaping, befouling the town square or carrying off the cat.

Actually, in many cases the animals who are now known as "suburban nuisance wildlife" arrived after the people. Coyotes are now moving into long-established suburbs where they never lived before - like so many transferred corporate vice presidents. The Canada geese migrated between the great North and the Chesapeake Bay until they noticed the carefully tilled grass in parks and golf courses along their route and turned into yearround squatters. The deer have multiplied to such a degree that wildlife managers trying to transplant the overload are at a loss to locate a site that doesn't already have more than enough.

In their present large numbers, deer are a hazard to humans and other wildlife. They carry ticks that cause disease. They leap out into the road in front of cars -New York State estimates they cause 50,000 accidents a

A Good Word For Bambi-Bashing year. They strip the forest underbrush so that more fragile species, like ground-nesting birds, small mammals and salamanders, are driven away.

Salamanders, unfortunately for them, don't have big, soulful brown eyes. When it comes to saving wildlife, sympathy flows in the direction of esthetics. While a tiny minority of Americans object to killing any form of life, most people would happily wipe out a family of rats with an Uzi. Give a deer fangs and scales, and you would have mobs of torch-bearing citizens marching on town halls across the nation, demanding their extermination.

Some animal-rights groups have reluctantly accepted the fact that a portion of the deer and geese will have to go, for the sake of nature as a whole. Non-fatal remedies, like installing birth control implants or moving the excess deer someplace else, are long, hard, expensive jobs that are terrifying and uncomfortable for the animals, who frequently die anyway. But unsurprisingly, the animal lobby has not universally embraced the idea that the nation has too many wild beasties. "We're completely against unnecessary killing of animals and no one has demonstrated necessity to us yet," says John Hadidian of the Humane Society.

But when a species is overpopulating all over the place, the burden of proof ought to be on the side that wants to protect it. Consider the non-migrating Canada geese. They live well into their teens and have few natural enemies. A handful in the town pond can turn into a few hundred in no time whatsoever. Suddenly, kids are coming home from baseball practice splattered with green droppings. Crowded together with wild and domes-tic ducks, resident geese breed diseases that can kill other, scarcer birds, including those migratory geese who live hard, play by the rules and wind up getting duck

plague or botulism for their trouble. Geese, of course, are handsome animals, with even more defenders than the deer herds. Coyotes are developing fan clubs too - some New Yorkers may remember the city's love affair with a particularly mangy specimen that wandered into the Bronx a few years ago, and was universally dubbed "Wiley." Two things that are guaranteed to make the relationship between man and wild critters worse are naming them and feeding them. We still await the formation of the first Committee to Defend the Urban Rat. **GAIL COLLINS**

Is Strategy More Crucial Than the Candidates?

To the Editor:

"Dole's Advisers Debate Strategy Over California" (front page, Oct. 3) typifies this political season's misfocused media coverage. The national press has been hypnotized by political consultants who have defined themselves (and not the candidates who pay their salaries) as central to the election process.

Your article describes a debate among political consultants in Bob Dole's Presidential campaign over strategy in California. By implication, the article defines campaign strategy and the allocation of campaign funds as critical to the outcome of the election.

To the average voter, the debate among these consultants is irrelevant. Nobody other than these consultants and your reporters babbling at cocktail parties in Georgetown cares about strategic insiders and how their internal power struggles are unfolding.

As the issues and the real candidates continue to be ignored, should anyone be surprised by our citizenry's apathy toward the political pro-JOHN E. MURDOCK 4th New York, Oct. 3, 1996

That Nixon-J.F.K. Poll To the Editor:

Three and a half decades after the first Kennedy-Nixon debates of 1960, journalists and political professionals still trot out the poll that showed that those who saw the debate on television thought Kennedy won, and those who heard it on radio thought Nixon bested the man from Massachusetts (Week in Review, Sept. 29).

As scholars have long pointed out, however, the poll itself is open to serious question on methodological grounds. The study never had to satisfy the rigorous requirements of peer review, reported as it was in a broadcasting trade magazine. There were only 282 respondents in the

radio portion of the national sample. And the findings were not that convincing. For example, 54 percent of those who saw the debate on television called it a draw or declined to name a winner. Of those who were willing to call the debate, 28 percent said Kennedy won and 18 percent selected Nixon.

Moreover, it is commonly believed that Nixon lost on television because he looked sweaty and sickly. As some scholars have pointed out, you can turn the study around by suggesting that Kennedy lost on radio because listeners were turned off by his Boston accent.

More interesting than the actual findings of the study is the insistence that in Presidential debates, visual images carry the day. During the 1976 campaign Gerald Ford's staff was well aware of this legendary study, made sure that he watched the Kennedy-Nixon debate, and took into account the lesson that Nixon lost because of how he looked. But Mr. Ford flubbed it in the second debate by contending that Eastern Europe was not under the domination of the Soviet Union. Perhaps if his staff had paid more attention to words he

would have avoided this misstate-RICHARD M. PERLOFF ment. Cleveland, Sept. 29, 1996 The writer is a professor of communication at Cleveland State University.

Wounded Soul

To the Editor: It is sad that Bob Dole likens his disabling wound to the suffering of blacks and Jews experiencing discrimination (news article, Oct. 1). All of us who have been shot know that wounds hurt the body. For some of us, that pain continues every day for a lifetime. But discrimination rips at CHARLES U. DALY the soul. Boston, Oct. 1, 1996

TV Spectrum Auction To the Editor:

John F. Cogan ("Dole's Tax Plan Adds Up," Op-Ed, Sept. 30) displays a woeful misunderstanding of the television industry in his defense of auctioning the digital television spec-

Mr. Cogan claims "there is no reason why NBC, CBS, ABC and CNN should simply be given the spectrum." Isn't he is aware that NBC, CBS and ABC are broadcast networks providing free television, while CNN is a cable network? He also errs in saying that networks are being "given" additional spectrum. The extra spectrum will be temporarily lent to local broadcast licensees during a transition to digital television.

The reason for the loan is clear: Americans who cannot afford cable or satellite television should not be shut out of the digital revolution. Once the digital transition is complete, stations will return the analog spectrum to the Government for auc-EDDIE O. FRITTS

President and Chief Executive National Assn. of Broadcasters Washington, Oct. 3, 1996

2d-Grade Kissing: Milk, Cookies and Lust!

To the Editor:

Congratulations for giving voice to the victims of the latest assault on the women of America ("Harassment in 2d Grade? Queens Kisser Is Pardoned." front page, Oct. 3).

Reported incidents of secondgrade kissing, the nation's most underreported crime, have doubled in the last week alone. Furthermore, studies have shown that most second-grade kissing occurs during recess, thereby detracting from the quality of the milk-and-cookies experience. As a result, many schoolgirl victims go on to develop anorexia and are therefore unable to protect themselves when they receive the traditional Super Bowl beating.

For too long the tragedy of secondgrade kissing has been ignored by the political and educational power strucure. Careful research has shown that if boys kiss girls in the second grade, they will kiss them again in the future. Clearly these are not isolated incidents; they form a pattern. It is the pattern of a serial kisser.

There is still time before the November elections for the Presidential candidates to present their plans for dealing with this horror before more lives are ruined, so that we can go back to the important work of building on the successes of our public school system. JOE BENNING Summit, N.J., Oct. 3, 1996

A Missed Opportunity

To the Editor: In the past three weeks I have been shocked by the cases in which a 6-year-old boy in North Carolina and a 7-year-old boy in Queens have been accused of sexual harassment for kissing a girl.

Both occasions should have been used as teaching opportunities where girls would learn how to say "no" or 'ves' and where boys would learn to talk respectfully to and interact with girls. Instead, the handling of these two instances, and the media coverage they received, make a mockery of the more serious sexual harassment that goes on every day in school hallways, city streets and public swimming pools where girls are humiliated, shamed and even injured.

I was also disappointed to see that the latest case made your Oct. 3 front page - complete with a picture of the young boy. When 7-year-old African-American boys are being killed by guns on our cities' streets, and as many as one in four girls is sexually abused, often in her own

A Star Is Dusted

To the Editor:

Re the string of reports this week about the Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar and his contretemps with an umpire (Sports

The shine from Alomar's star is now tarnished, and it will never glow again regardless how often he spits LEE ANN RODGERS Monroe, Conn., Oct. 4, 1996

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home, you should use the front page to examine how social and economic problems contribute to the physical and mental dangers of today's children, not to sensationalize a regrettable error in judgment made by a

President Ms. Foundation for Women New York, Oct. 3, 1996

MARIE C. WILSON

New-Age Fascism To the Editor:

school official.

When schools decide that 7-yearolds are subject to sexual harassment issues (front page, Oct. 3), we had better take a closer look at what will decidedly become an American embarrassment. To take political correctness to such extremes in our elementary schools by instilling some new-age level of fascism on our schoolchildren - we are beginning to lose our sense of what innocence

Most elementary-school children are too shy to act out a simple crush over a fellow student, and it certainly would not have gone to court in my day. Usually a quiet chiding from a responsible teacher would have sufficed. Today, however, practicing heterosexual 7-year-olds are not chided but are rendered sexually mute, and it does not take a degree in psychology to assume the child might suffer some later sexual con-

fusion and difficulties in later life. Rather than turn these issues into yet another public media circus by leveling almost criminal attention on a small child, let us examine what political correctness means to us and how far it has to go before some new fascist-style laws are brought before

the Supreme Court. What are these teachers and school principals thinking? They cannot have the well-being of these young children at heart. As the rising wave of political correctness works its way into the current of our daily lives, I cannot imagine what kind of sexually repressed version of '1984" the year 2000 and beyond will bring. KEN CALASCIONE

Ojai, Calif., Oct. 3, 1996

Picture It: There You Go Again, Mr. Major

To the Editor:

I find it strange that Don Hewitt, in commenting (Op-Ed, Oct. 3) on your Presidential debates, would prefer the British system of Prime Minister's Question Time at a time when we, the British, are almost certainly going to drop it.

The Labor Party's Tony Blair, if he wins, will take out precisely the element of Prime Minister's Question Time that Mr. Hewitt wants - its partisan nature. Even if he doesn't win, there is cross-party support for substantial changes to the twiceweekly spat in Parliament that politicians believe is responsible for bringing British politics into disrepute.

The Prime Minister and the leader of the opposition do not debate on television, but we are more likely to aciopi your system of a televised de bate in our next general election. Having just produced the BBC's political series "Question Time," I know that the journalist who gets agreement from Prime Minister John Major and Mr. Blair to appear on television together comes back with the broadcasting equivalent of the Holy Grail

Mr. Major will decide whether or not a televised debate takes place, not our broadcasters. So why should he choose to adopt the American model? It will happen only if the Conservatives are behind in the polls and closing during the campaign - as current polls indicate will likely be the sce-RICHARD BEE New York, Oct. 3, 1996

These Paranoid Islands

To the Editor:

You report (London Journal, Oct. 2) that Europeans laugh at Britain's anti-rabies laws as "another example of the insularity and paranoia that island living encourages."

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Heavens. If that's what happens to those of us who live on an island as big as Britain, I think I understand what happened to the people of Manhattan. RICHARD TOMKINS New York, Oct. 3, 1996

Foster Care Is for Children, Not for Money

To the Editor:

Gov. Pete Wilson's unfortunate proposal to prevent unmarried couples in California from adopting (news article, Sept. 30) only serves to exacerbate adverse conditions in one of the most unhealthy foster-care systems in the country. Many counties in California have become so dependent on revenues from administering foster-care programs that

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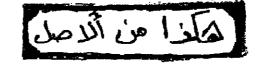
they virtually refuse to permit adoptions even when happily married couples are available.

A lawsuit filed last week in Federal court in San Francisco on behalf of a group of disabled children in foster care alleges that the county in which they reside has systematically abused revenues earmarked by the Social Security Administration for the care of foster children with special needs. If what the suit says is correct, funds that Congress intended to provide medical care and educational support for needy children are being used to buy police cars and landscape baseball fields.

Many children in foster care are literally being held hostage. In Texas, while a foster family receives \$15 a day to care for a foster child, the county that administers the program receives \$91 a day. Placing children for adoption undermines this lucrative source of funding. The financial incentives that dis-

courage adoption are already considerable. Governor Wilson's initiative only serves to encourage the exploitation of these kids who need our help. MAUREEN K. HOGAN Exec. Dir., Adopt a Special Kid

Washington, Oct. 2, 1996



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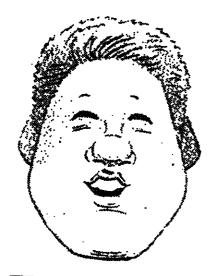
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The Rough Rider and the Easy One

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By Edmund Morris

WASHINGTON wenty years ago, during an out-of-town tryout of the musical "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue," I was intrigued by the actor Ken Howard's ability to transform himself from President to President with the aid of a quickly applied prop or two, and adroit changes of voice and gesture. Although he was big and blond, he needed only to clamp on some pince-nez, and snap his teeth at the audience to become a creditable Theodore Roosevelt. The audience burst into applause.

The current resident of the White House has recently pulled off a similar coup de théatre, inspired no doubt by the success of his Truman skit last year and his masterly impersonation of Ronald Reagan before both houses of Congress last January. One remembers, further, that in his youth he modeled himself on John F. Kennedy and vowed on entering the White House to become another Franklin D. Roosevelt.

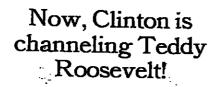
Should the scholarly gravediggers who wish to exhume Lincoln ever succeed in their quest and parade the Emancipator's bones on the nightly news, we must brace for appearances by Mr. Clinton in a stovepipe hat. In the meantime, he's found his latest vein of mimicry in T.R.

Not coincidentally, the 26th President is hot at the moment. Tonight and tomorrow, PBS will broadcast a major documentary on his life and times. Mr. Clinton has a bust of him on his desk (along with busts of all the other Presidents mentioned above), and I'll bet that at times during the recent Netanyahu-Arafat summit he thought wistfully of T.R.'s Nobel Peace Prize, glistening like a chimera on the mantel of the Roosevelt Room.

It is natural, given the loneliness of supreme power, for a chief executive to identify with his more distant predecessors (consecutive Presidents hardly ever get along, as anyone studying photographs of them together can see). We all know about Richard Nixon's chats with Honest Abe, and Ronald Reagan told me, with entire lack of self-consciousness, that he and Thomas Jefferson liked to "look at each other" across the Mail.

Usually, however, such moments

Edmund Morris, the author of "The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt." is at work on a biography of Ronald Rea-



of self-identification are private. When Mr. Clinton evokes T.R. on horseback in Wyoming, or wearing cowboy boots and khakis at the edge of the Grand Canyon, he invites public comparison with the Rough Rider at his considerable peril.

There are many parallels between them as campaigners for their respective second terms in the White House. Overwhelming personal charm, youthfulness — T.R. was 45 on this date in 1904, Mr. Clinton is just 50 — acute political intelligence, garrulousness, love of applause, love of people, luck: the list could be extended right down to prowess at the lunch table and their common enjoyment of a hapless opponent.

If we compare them intellectually, however, such a void opens up as to isolate them from each other, on the north and south rims of our regard. Mr. Clinton's new book "Between Hope and History" happens to be exactly the same length as T.R.'s official letter accepting the Republican nomination in 1904, and since both documents were published in late summer for the same political purpose, a side-by-side reading is instructive.

To begin with, there is the question of gravitas. I allowed Mr. Clinton's book to fall open at page 57, and found that of its 191 words, only 31



had any particular meaning. The rest of the space was devoted to clichés (one every three lines), generalities like "investing in the capacity of our people," redundancies and extremely vague statistics, of which my favorite was his claim to have made "improvements in the bottom lines of average Americans."

it of sympathy as well as fairness, I deliberately chose one of the noun-dense, fact-packed paragraphs of T.R.'s own manifesto (interested readers may find it at the foot of page 937, Volume IV, of his collected letters). In 14 lines, there is not a single cliché, and only 10 unnecessary words. Every

sentence states something concrete, and all the emotions - contempt for governmental critics, impatience with naysayers, veneration for veterans, sympathy for farmers, excitement over the implications of his Reclamation Act - are genuine and strong. One senses a passionately self-directed man whose mind moves like an oiled combine over every dry stalk of policy, neatly stacking and

In contrast, Mr. Clinton has what T.R. would call "a fatal lack of sequitur." He drives without steering, and he would as soon process weeds as wheat. "Between Hope and History" reads like a series of improvised speeches (incessantly punctured by the word "I"), although his publisher assures us that the text was "labored" over for many months, and his uncredited co-author says the final book is "80 percent Bill Clinton." T.R.'s enormous letter was dictated - probably during the course of a morning - but it is clearly the work of a disciplined writer.

Of course, we do not elect Presidents for their prose style. Mr. Clinton is unquestionably sincere - for the moment - in asking us to equate him with T.R. the mediator, the environmentalist, the bully-pulpit thumper, the legislative reformer. All these aims are noble, providing he closely examines T.R.'s actual record of achievement, which was a lot less progressive than he seems to

On the environment, for example, T.R. was by no means a tree-hugger. When it came to a choice between scenery and the homesteader desperate for firewood and aqueducts. preservationists. "It is a cardinal principle of the

forest-reserve policy of this Administration that the reserves are for use," he said in his Fourth Annual Message. Similarly, the great Trust Buster prosecuted the Northern Securities Corporation more to make a moral point (that government maintained the right to regulate a free economy) than to declare any kind of war on Wall Street. His successor, William Howard Taft, whom he lambasted for being pro-business, in reality busted more trusts than he did.

There was, moreover, a lordly hauteur about T.R.'s foreign policy, and a hair-trigger willingness to deploy gunboats when crossed, that Mr. Clinton surely does not wish to emulate. (Watch him whip off those pince-nez at the slightest hint of trouble in Panama!) He rightly sees today's world as a flux of forces interactive, freewheeling, cyberspatial - rather than power blocs separated by steel and saltwater.

Foreign Affairs THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

True or False? Iceland Is in NATO

Foreign policy has been the one issue missing in action from the Clinton-Dole Presidential contest. Bob Dole's criticism of the Clinton foreign policy has been limited to drive-by shootings (Clinton has a "photo-op foreign policy"), ridiculous cheap shots (Clinton has been too hard on the Israelis) or just feckless whining. As a result, Mr. Clinton has not really been pressed to address some of the most pressing foreign policy issues of the day. This is not healthy. The Clinton Administration has already committed the country to several major foreign policy endeavors scheduled to unfold just after the election, which the U.S. public and Congress have barely discussed. If Mr. Clinton wins a landslide victory based solely on his domestic policies, he will be free to interpret this as a landslide for his foreign policy initiatives as well, in which case the U.S. public could be in for a few surprises.

The temptation at tonight's debate will be to ask the two candidates for their foreign policy "visions." Don't bother. They'll just recite scripted blather. The country needs a real debate now about the specific foreign policy issues that are waiting just around the corner from Election Day. Here are some suggested questions:

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1. Former Bosnia negotiator Richard Holbrooke just testified to Congress that "No responsible person can contemplate going from 60,000 troops down to zero [in Bosnia]. ... The war could resume if that happened. Some form of residual international security presence is necessary." President Clinton, you promand to mithdraw all U.S. troops from

Questions for Clinton and Dole.

Bosnia by mid-December. If you still intend to withdraw them all, what would you say to Mr. Holbrooke, who knows the situation there well, and if you don't intend to, what would you say to the American people?

2. Mr. Dole, what sort of U.S. force would you like to see remain in Bosnia and for how long? If you say no U.S. troops should remain and that we should arm the Bosnian Muslims instead, how will you explain that to our European allies who are uncomfortable with such a strategy?

3. To both of you, if U.S. troops do remain in Bosnia and begin taking casualties, will you remove them, as in Somalia?

4. Mr. Clinton, you have committed

the U.S. to expanding NATO. The new members - Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic - will be announced in December, just after the election. Mr. Dole, you have supported this move. The NATO treaty calls for mutual defense. To both of you: Does this mean you are ready to extend the U.S. nuclear protection umbrella to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic? How much will it cost to bring the armies of these countries up to NATO

standards and who will pay for it? 5. Mr. Clinton, you are in favor of expanding NATO. Can you name the

16 countries already in it? 6. What will you both say to the

Baltic states and Ukraine, if you are admitting Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and not them? After all, the Balts and Ukrainians are just as democratic as the Central Europeans, and, given their closer proximity to Russia, in even more need of NATO membership. If you are not going to admit the Balts and Ukraine, what do you think will happen to them, floating between NATO and Russia?

7. On July 1, 1997, China will take control of Hong Kong. What would you each tell China today to insure that its takeover there doesn't turn into another Tiananmen Square?

8. Mr. Dole, you have declared that America must have a national missile defense system by 2003 that would protect the country from virtually any kind of missile attack. The C.B.O. estimates that your proposal (if it's even feasible) would cost \$78 billion to \$184 billion. How will you pay for that and please don't say by cutting

waste, fraud and abuse? 9. Mr. Clinton, you once said you believed in death-bed conversions and that even a Saddam Hussein might be redeemable. Do you still believe that? Your Administration insists, officially, that it is not trying to overthrow Saddam. Why not?

10. Senator Dole, is there any country in the world to which you would not sell Kansas wheat?

11. To both of you: Name the two most important foreign policy issues for 1997 - not just one, Mr. Dole, we know "Leadership" is important; and not eight, Mr. Clinton, we don't have time for that many tonight and neither will you in a second term. It is tempting to speculate, in the manner of those old "Impossible In-

They would admire each other's shared habit of saying, "in closing" Roosevelt would notice that Mr. Clin-



Such speculations, though, are historically vain. For the moment, Mr. Clinton has as much right as Theodore Roosevelt to preen before a largely contented electorate. It is encouraging that he, too, wants to be

power of memory, political skills and stage manner, and laugh at their before 3,000 words of peroration. Mr. ton, behind his joviality, has no bumor, while the latter would be dis-

terviews" in Vanity Fair, how Teddy and Bill would get along today should they bump into each other on the campaign trail. One imagines that Mr. Clinton would avoid any discussion of the Vietnam War, not to mention his veto of the late-term abortion bill, which would undoubtedly result in an abrupt end to the conversation. (Of all Theodore Roosevelt's convictions, the deepest was his reverence

mayed by T.R.'s binary way of looking at things: Good vs. Evil, Strong vs. Weak, Duty vs. Dereliction.

remembered for effecting great changes in a time of peace. But he he paid little heed to the protests of certainly proceeds to emulate the means what he says and a man who landslide of 1904, that T.R. never felt has nothing to say, between a crea-

Liberties

Playing by the Rules

MAUREEN DOWD

Republicans call it the Invisible Campaign. Democrats call it Briga-

"It's like the Dole campaign went to San Diego and announced Jack Kemp and then disappeared into the Scottish mists," says a top Clinton aide. "They've run out of ideas, They're stuck on killing government The last bullet in their gun is that the President is a liberal, flako, draftdodger creep. It's white noise."

Four years ago this fall - and probably 40 years ago this fall — Bill Clinton was campaigning obsessively, from 8 A.M. until midnight, never, ever passing up a crowd.

Bob Dole spends his time crisping by the pool, not bothering to step in as dispirited staffers squabble belatedly over whether to fight for California, another state where the President has a double-digit lead.

Jack Kemp does his best to avoid the few Republican areas that are still in play. Instead, he races from the barrio to the hood, talking to wary black audiences who are not going to vote Republican, comically recalling Steve Martin in "The Jerk." a movie about a white guy who blithely goes around thinking he's black until his black adoptive father breaks the news that he isn't.

First, the Dole camp said the convention would turn things around. Then it was the tax cut. Then, Mr. Kemp. Then, TV advertising. Then, the anti-drug message.

"For the first time," says Scott Reed, the campaign manager, "our campaign has put together a message." Congratulations! Mr. Reed's message is: "Bill Clinton is a liberal." Congratulations!

The Dole campaign is so slothful and lame that you can imagine Mr. Reed announcing sometime after the election that things are, at long last, coming together.

Bob Dole might have pounded away on honesty, if he had not endorsed a tax cut that undercuts his past beliefs. The Democrats, successfully if not admirably, snatched the pillars of Republicanism, foreign policy, crime and cultural issues. There were Reagan Democrats. Now there are Clinton Republicans. (And Mr. Clinton is one of them.)

It's hard to get excited about a debate between a chimera and a curmight bear in mind, as he almost seemudgeon, between a man who never

erning and a creature of government who has trouble politicking.

Bob Dole needs a new playbook. I have an idea. With politics so cynical and shallow this season, he might do well to try the cynical and shallow best-selling guide to courtship, "The Rules: Time-Tested Secrets for Capturing the Heart of Mr. Right."

Among the 35 rules on wooing fussy

Sunday night creature feature.

men, there are eight Mr. Dole could adapt to wooing fussy voters.

1. Be sweet and light. Smile a lot. Remember that you are a Creature -Unlike Any Other, (That does NOT mean Grendel in his cave.)

2. Be mysterious. The less they see of your less glamorous habits, like the way you floss your teeth (or the way you snarl) or the way you slurp your coffee (or the way you fry under the sunlamp), the better.

3. You must try to be serene and unselfish or you won't be a happy

4. Be easy to live with, Don't bring anything - red light bulbs, scented candles, X-rated videos (treadmill, C-Span) — to enhance the experience.

5. Look into their eyes, and be a good listener so they know you are a caring human being. (Or just fake it.) 6. Don't reek of desperation. To relieve anxiety, take a hot bubble bath.

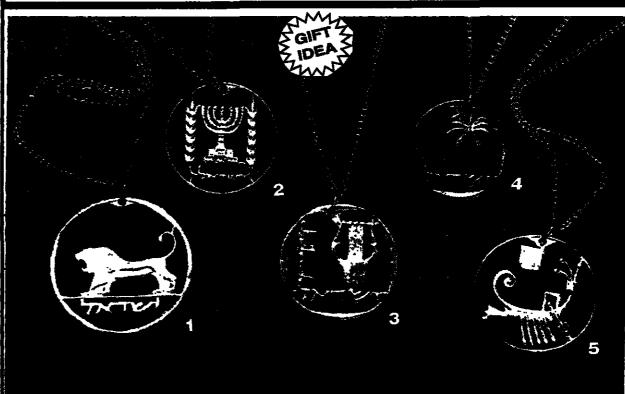
7. Don't open up too fast. Don't look for sympathy. If you've had a serious illness, don't burden them with all the gory details too soon. (The war wound speaks for itself.)

8. Don't talk about what a mess you were before you discovered seminars and gurus. (Leave them to the Clintons.)

But wait. Maybe this isn't such a good idea. These are rules for seduction. And Mr. Dole is running against the grand master of the art. Bill Clinton is already playing brilliantly by these rules, submerging his identity to become a Creature Unlike Any Other, the image of our desires (or what focus groups and polls say we

The President may out-Republican Bob Dole, But Mr. Dole will never out-

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By ELIZABETH VENANT

PARIS N a recent golden afternoon in this city, Parisians might have seen Jeanne Moreau brushing through the tall doors of her apartment building with a handsome young man trotting at her heels, toting bundles of small couturier bags.

Dressed in a soft beige pants suit, with her champagne-tinted hair nestling around her shoulders, Miss Moreau was, at age 68, the image of her own image.

Americans, too, are seeing a lot of Miss Moreau these days; the actress is enjoying an American revival of sorts. In the last three years she has starred in "The Summer House" and "The Old Lady Who Walked in the Sea." Last week she appeared in "Beyond the Clouds," an entry in the New York Film Festival based on the writings of Michelangelo Antonioni. And starting on Wednesday she can be seen in "The Proprietor," directed by Ismail Merchant.

In the Merchant Ivory production, Miss Moreau plays an irreproachably elegant and lionized celebrity much like herself. The movie, written expressly for her and filmed in New York and in Mr. Merchant's new apartment in Paris, is a tribute to the actress, both to herself as she is now and to the impact she has had during a legendary career.

Although Miss Moreau's list of credits includes more than 100 movies - notably Louis Malle's "Lovers" (1958), Peter Brook's "Moderato Cantabile" (1960) and Luis Buñuel's "Diary of a Chambermaid" (1964) — she will probably be best remembered as the free-spirited enchantress of "Jules and Jim," François Truffaut's 1961 New Wave drama about an impossible ménage à

In many ways she has played that role throughout a tumultuous private life haunted by a difficult childhood. But her femme fatale image on screen and in public is quite different from the sometimes autocratic, explosive personality that those close to her have come to know.

"She's very strong and very fragile," said Anna Praedella, Miss Moreau's confidante and housekeeper for more than 25 years. "Both, and very fast. Strong, and a minute later a fragility.'

Friends describe a woman who is sometimes spontaneous and generous, other times disciplined and con-

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trolling. In the words of one intimate, she has led her life with "the determination of a Stendhalian heroine."

Professing that life is a duty, she believes in an ordered universe, all the way down to arranging her kitchen knives by size on their magnetic rack and alphabetizing her extensive library of books. She buys clothes with a collector's passion, reads ravenously until late at night, travels whenever and wherever she can, and cooks with the concentration of a chef. She lives alone, in a rented, architecturally formal apartment that she has furnished as lightly as if she were an itinerant boarder who would soon be moving on.

In her heyday she was chauffeured in a Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud; in leaner times she was the host of a radio show giving thumbnail sketches of movie stars. In the 1980's she became an alcoholic (the only drink still served chez Moreau is mineral water), and she has battled depression for virtually her en-

'The one essential quality that defines Jeanne is courage," said her longtime friend, Florence Malraux, daughter of André Malraux, the writer and former Culture Minister of France. But Miss Malraux added: "She's not a gentle person. She's violent, extreme.'

Miss Moreau agrees with this assessment. Talking in her airy study one day recently, touching on subjects ranging from acting to men to her emotions, she said: "It's true. This intensity inhabits me all the time. I'm not measured. I'm not lukewarm. It's not always easy to live with for me.'

An Aquarian who has turned to astrology for answers, the actress claims that planetary influences temper her explosiveness. Saturn, especially, is "very demanding," she said. "It's rigor, discipline, severity. It controls the backbone.'

Similarly, Miss Moreau's genius as an actress has been her ability to spect."

express strong emotions that roil just beneath a controlled, often commanding, exterior. For her, the women she incarnates are all heroines and demi-goddesses.

When you represent a character on screen or on stage, it's a chosen person," she explained. "And the fact that she's chosen, even if the part is low class, middle class, a beggar, means she becomes a hero-

Miss Moreau was first attracted to acting as a teen-ager watching Soph-ocles' "Antigone." "Whenever I have doubts about the reactions of a character," she said, "I find her a place in mythology." In the world of mere mortals, Miss Moreau has long and famously been a magnet for men. By her own calculations, she has had a spectacular roster of lovers, and in the early 60's her love affairs came fast and furious.

"She was very erotic when she was young," said Miss Malraux. "She wasn't pretty, but at 30, when she walked into a room, the most beautiful woman in Paris could be there and you'd only see Jeanne."

Truffaut was one of her early, frustrated lovers. Writing to his friend Helen Scott in New York in 1964, he lamented: "Only to you can I talk about this because in Paris there's absolutely no question of my confiding in anyone about Jeanne. . . . I am experiencing an intensity of feeling such as I haven't known...."

Miss Moreau views Truffaut's ardor more evenly. "When François spoke to me in the corridors of the old Palais du Festival, he had already selected 'Jules and Jim' He didn't fall in love because he met me. He fell in love with the actress he had seen in different films."

As an older, established stage and screen personality, Miss Moreau became a mentor for such fledgling directors.

Serge Toubiana, editor in chief of the influential film publication Cahiers du Cinéma and the author of a new Truffaut biography, described the process: "Jeanne Moreau fascinated François with the way she lived, her carnal pleasure in life, her taste for beautiful things - everything he savored, but with a certain guilt." His ardor cooled, however. "At a certain moment, Jeanne Moreau the star, with the caprices of a star, must have irritated Truffaut." Mr. Toubiana said. "Truffaut was a great moralist, and she kept making rules of behavior that he didn't re-



Jeanne Moreau, center, with Nell Carter and Sam Waterston in "The Proprietor"

After years of passion, friendship and creative output, the relationship ended abruptly. "It was 'Jules and Jim,' happiness and ashes," Mr.

Toubiana said. There were, of course, many other famous men in her life, among them the young Louis Malle and the fashion designer Pierre Cardin. In her youth she had married a French film maker named Jean-Luis Richard; in her late 40's she married the American movie director William Friedkin, who proved to be an ill-fated choice. Miss Praedella, a de facto authority on her mistress's love affairs, told how he had spent their honeymoon at Preverger, Miss Moreau's former property near St. Tropez, working on a script in the pool

He would appear only for lunch, Miss Praedella said. "The table was full; the colors were beautiful. And he ate an olive. That's all." She harrumphed. "It was a sign."

According to Miss Mairaux, who introduced the couple, the powerful film maker and the mythic star imagined each other. "He thought he was marrying the French New Wave," she said. "She thought she and for life in general." was marrying young America."

Wed in a white wool Pierre Cardin was proud of Jeanne, but he didn't

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suit, Miss Moreau spent six months as a wife in Beverly Hills before returning to France.

But if the actress's love affairs have been many and turbulent, her most troubled relationship was with Anatole Moreau, her father, who died in 1975. Friends and family members describe Mr. Moreau as a weak, though charming, man who was dominated by his mother and who tried to dominate his strongwilled daughter. With his gravelly voice and brilliant, rakish smile signature attributes of Miss Moreau - he was known as a great ladies'

He married Kathleen Buckley, an English dancer at the Folies-Bergères, and the couple bought a modest hotel-restaurant in the spa town of Vichy, where young Jeanne spent her childhood. But the business went to seed. Mr. Moreau began drinking, the couple fought, and they eventually divorced. "They loved each other passionately, and they tore each other apart" said Ginette Rousset Miss Moreau's favorite cousin. "Jeanne suffered terribly. Maybe that explains her passion for men

Miss Malraux added: "Anatole

show it. He didn't understand who she was and what she wanted from life." When she revealed her desire to become an actress, Miss Moreau

said, he slapped her face. The bulwark of her early years was a stern though kindly country widow named Julienne Pasquier whom Jeanne, then known as Jeannette, visited on summer holidays and on whom the young girl showered affection.

'She was more than a mother figure to me," Miss Moreau said one day, taking the deceased woman's brooch, along with some old family photographs, out of a cloth pouch.

Yet another time, when asked about her childhood, Miss Moreau responded fiercely: "I don't remember anything about it. I don't even remember the name of the school I

If acting was initially a flight from a painful life, Miss Moreau has nevertheless been cast in roles that closely approximate her personality. She rejected the role of Mrs. Robinson in "The Graduate," she said, because she "didn't like the character." And she defends the manipulative femmes fatales she has played: "The sexual vamp, that's fun."

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A 2nd Generation Dylan

Jakob Dylan plays under the 'daunting specter of his legendary father.'

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By STEVE POND

Los Angeles AKOB DYLAN wants to make one thing clear: he's just like everybody else. He became interested in music, "like most people," at the age of 12 or 13. He listened to his older brothers' records, something he says "every youngest brother does." He began taking guitar lessons, "like ev-

erybody else," at 13. Mr. Dylan, 26, is understandably eager to paint himself as the picture of normality because those of us who weren't witness to his childhood can be forgiven for thinking that things might have been a bit unusual around the house. His father, after all, is Bob Dylan - and when a young singer-songwriter is a child of the most influential singer-songwriter in pop-music history, it's natural to assume that Dad's shadow was. and is, long and imposing.

But if one is to believe Jakob Dylan, that's scarcely the case. Mention his father's influence, stature or impact, and he changes the subject, tries to dismiss it or clams up altogether. "I didn't pay a lot of attention to it then, and I certainly don't now," says Mr. Dylan, looking vaguely like a leaner, handsomer version of his father, as he sits in his manager's Beverly Hills office in nondescript brown and black clothes. "It's certainly an unsurmountable expectation for anybody to have to deal with, so I don't feel that there's any reason that I should pay attention to it."

With an enigmatic father and a fiercely private mother, it should come as no surprise that Mr. Dylan reveals as little as possible about his family. He never mentions his father by name and sidesteps the topic even when it's germane to his own music; when his band tours, he ignores the occasional shouted requests for his father's songs and avoids the Bob Dylan fanatics who come to the shows. "If somebody's not wearing an (she also had a child from a my T-shirt, they're wearing somebody else's that looks familiar to mostly in Los Angeles, and mostly



jakob Dylan

there," he says. "I'm glad they spent money on the show, but I don't really want to talk to them."

He also laughs at reporters who think they can breach his defenses. "Some hotshot journalists still think they're going to find a way in there," he says. "But I'm just not going to spend much time on it. It has nothing to do with what I do." (Bob Dylan, who rarely speaks to the press and has long been especially protective of his family, declined to be interviewed)

The younger Mr. Dylan need not sound quite so defensive; his ragged but tuneful rock has suddenly made him a hotter commercial property than his father. "Bringing Down the Horse," the second album from his band, the Wallflowers, is selling steadily, thanks largely to the suc-cess of the song "Sixth Avenue Heartache." That song, which, like most of the Wallflowers' music, contains only distant echoes of Bob Dylan, has become a staple on both mainstream rock and alternative ra-

"I can't imagine a more daunting specter to have for a father, especially if you're a singer and a songwriter," says T-Bone Burnett, who produced "Bringing Down the Horse" and who, through his longtime friendship with Bob Dylan, has known Jakob since he was 4. "But he's got a great attitude about rock-and-roll and about being the second generation."

The youngest of the four children of Bob Dylan and Sara Lowndes Dylprevious marriage), Jakob grew up me; I've got a good idea why they're without his father. His parents went through a bitter divorce when he was 6; after a long court battle, Sara Dylan was granted full custody of the children. In his teens, Mr. Dylan became a fan of bands like the Clash. He began writing songs at 18 and formed the Wallflowers in the early 90's. A record contract with Virgin Records came soon afterward. But the group's debut album, "The

Wallflowers," released in 1992, sold only 40,000 copies. The band then asked to be released from its contract after an executive change at Virgin, It complied, but the Waliflowers were saddled with a reputation as a difficult band. For a few years, other labels weren't interested; during that time, members dropped out until only Mr. Dylan and the keyboardist, Rami Jaffee, remained from the original lineup. "You try not to put a lot of value in

the opinions of people in the business," says Mr. Dylan, "but at the same time, when you're not getting any credit and people aren't interested, it makes you feel like you're not good at what you do. At some points, I wondered whether I wanted to be part of it anymore."

Tom Whalley, who finally signed the band with Interscope, says he worried that Mr. Dylan's family ties would distract fans from listening to the music on its own terms. "But I loved 'Sixth Avenue Heartache,' " he says, "and I thought Jakob had the potential to be a great songwriter."

Mr. Dylan says he's enjoying success, but he won't quite call it vindication. "Essentially, we're doing the same thing we were doing three years ago, when I played 'Sixth Avenue Heartache' every night, but nobody would come down to see us," he says. "It's kind of absurd, actually."

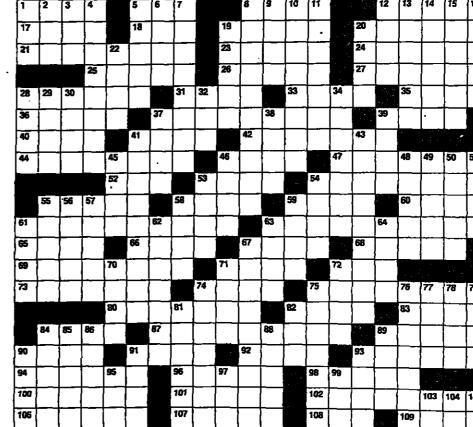
Still, a lot of frustration and a little absurdity are what every normal singer and songwriter puts up with - even one with the ability to get songwriting advice from Bob Dylan. "Certainly, I've done that," Mr. Dylan admits, before characteristically playing down the relationship.

"But I don't consider that an advantage. People can tell you what the format of a song is, but no one can tell you how to write a good song." He shrugs at the notion of talking to his father about music. "Maybe that's a conversation lots of people

would like to have, and maybe they

will some day," he says. "Good luck. Make a cail." This, of course, is easier said than done, since Mr. Dylan no doubt has a phone number that other songwriters don't have. "Yeah," he says, as a small, grudging grin crosses his face. "I've probably got a bunch of

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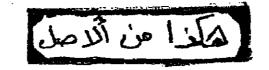
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In the Supreme Court, sitting as a Court of Civil Appeals, before the President Justice Aharon Barak and Justices Gavriel Bach, Eliezer Goldberg, Theodore Orr, Eliyahu Mazza, Ya'acov Kedmi, Yitzhak Zamir, Tova Strassberg-Cohen, Dalia Dorner, Zevi Tal, and Ya'acov Tirkel, in the matter of

Daniel Nahmani, appellant, versus Ruti Nahmani and others. respondents (F.H.[C] 2401/95, C.A.5587/93).

UTI and Dani Nahmani married in 1984. Following an operation Ruti was unable to bear children, and they agreed to the process of fertilizing her ova with Dani's semen, and implanting the embryos in the

womb of a surrogate mother. In view of difficulties created by the Public Health Regulations (In Vitro Fertilization) of 1987, and following a petition to the Supreme Court (H.C.1237/91), the parties agreed to the fertilization being done in Israel, and the implantation in the surrogate institute in the US.

This arrangement, however, was not implemented, for in 1992 Dani left his home and went to live with another woman who bore him a daughter. Nevertheless, the Nahmanis are still married.

Ruti then requested the embryos from Assuta Hospital, where they were stored, for transmission to the surrogate institute in the US. Dani opposed her request, and the hospital refused. She then moved the Haifa District Court to order the hospital to comply. The court ruled in her favor, and Dani appealed to the Supreme Court.

The appeal was allowed (C.A.5587/93 -The Jerusalem Post of April 17, 1995). The former court president. Justice Meir Shamgar, then directed a rehearing before an enlarged panel on the ground that "the subject is novel and original, and undoubtedly of special importance in our sphere which adjusts itself to scientific and social change."

JUSTICE Strassberg-Cohen, delivering the first judgment in the rehearing, adhered to her previous decision in Dani's favor. She rejected the criticism that the court had evaded the issue, and asserted that the decision allowing Dani's appeal was based on sound recognized legal principles. She also stressed that she was fully alive throughout to the human and emotional side of Ruti's predicament. but the court could not decide the

issue on that basis. Parentage was a basic freedom and privilege, and not an obligation. As the court would not order a person to marry, it would not order him or her to have children. Moreover, it did not involve only a monetary obligation, but imposed a primary duty, enforceable by both the civil and criminal law. to promote the child's welfare in all its aspects. The freedom to have or not to have children was that of both parents, and the court would not impose it on either of them. The requirement of both par-

A father may not say 'no' ents' consent throughout the process created the equality basic

to our legal system. As the woman had the right to terminate pregnancy, so had the man the right to refuse parentage. Dealing with the contractual aspect of Dani's original consent,

Justice Strassberg-Cohen emphasized the change of circumstances since then. He agreed there was a family unit. He and Ruti were living together, and they both wanted a child. Conditions had now changed radically. He had left his home, and was living with another woman who had bome him a child. There was no basis for finding that he agreed to the continuation of the process in all circumstances and under all conditions. His consent was necessary at every stage, and the entirely new situation certainly demanded his renewed consent to the process being continued.

She also noted, by way of analogy, that the law permitted a parent who had consented to the adoption of a child to withdraw his consent, if later circumstances justified that course.

She then referred to the law, and legal and medical opinions in other countries with a similar legal system, supporting her conclusion.

She also discussed the concepts of the "right to life" and "justice" considered by some of her colleagues, and also Ruti's expectations. However, she concluded, parentage could not be imposed on an unwilling man by judicial decree on the basis of any of those considerations.

JUSTICE TAL again dissented from his colleague. As a man may not demand the termination of a pregnancy even if based on fraud and deceit, he said, so is he precluded from demanding the cessation of the fertilization and implantation process. Both cases involve intervention in a woman's body, desecrating her dignity and modesty, which the law will not recognize.

Since there were no statutory provisions governing the situation he would seek the solution in examining the conflicting interests involved, the legitimate expectations of the parties, and the appropriate judicial policy to be applied.

The conflicting interests were being, and not being, a parent. Parenthood was one of man's most basic goals, as the American of the basic civil rights of man. fundamental to the very existence and survival of the race." The interest of not being a parent - or, rather, not being forced to be a parent - was based on privacy, a man's freedom to make his own intimate decisions. These two interests were not of even weight.

Moreover, this was not a case of force, for Dani agreed to the process, and his doing so once was sufficient. It was also Ruti's last chance to become a parent.

In these circumstances the interest in favor of parenthood was clearly dominant. The Bible and our sages regarded deprivation of parenthood as loss of a person's soul. It was true an unwilling parent would have responsibilities but, onerous as they could be, they could not be compared with the loss of his soul.

The parties' expectations were always important in weighing "judicial legislation" when the court, in the absence of any Law

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event of the couple separating, they must be presumed to have consented to its being continued to its conclusion.

Judicial policy, he said, supported continuing the process to its conclusion. Firstly, legal stability and certainty demanded that the parties' consent should be secured in as short a time as possible. Not only the parties were involved but JUSTICE DORNER concurred with Justice Tal. She emphasized that in undergoing the operation referred to, and with Dani's full cooperation, Ruti had insisted on certain steps, possibly endangering her life, to protect her reproductive capacity as far as possible. She also stressed their struggle to finance the process, and the legal battle, including a petition to the Supreme Court, to secure the necessary Health Ministry authoriza-



Ruti Nahmani and her lawyer just before the Supreme Court's decision.

(Brian Hendler)

governing the situation, had to find its own solution.

Ruti had had an operation, and had undergone a long and painful process, this being her last chance of motherhood. She had relied on his consent, and would surely not have followed this path had she anticipated that he could at any time capriciously change his mind and destroy her last spark of hope.

Dani had consented. Would he not have done so had he known that he would not be allowed to change his mind? This was difficult to assume. Husbands do not cease marital relations with their wives in case their opinion will Supreme Court had written, "one not be considered regarding an abortion.

The parties, he continued, were entitled to equality before the law. Allowing one of them to withdraw his consent at any time on a whim would, in effect, give a power of veto over continuing the process. This result was clearly unacceptable.

Justice Tal held, therefore, that in the absence of a clear agreement to stop the process in the

institutions and the surrogate mother. The possibility of a onesided veto was likely to lead to various difficulties affecting the whole procedure.

He noted in this regard, by way of analogy, that the courts also strove to limit as far as possible the period open to parents who consented to adoption, to change their minds. Secondly, couples unable to pro-

create children naturally should be encouraged to arrange artificial fertilization. Obstacles in that process, therefore, should as far as possible be avoided.

He also added that while a woman is entitled, in certain cir- Another example was estoppel, cumstances, to terminate pregnancy, there was no need for her spouse's consent although his interests were affected.

Finally, Justice Tal referred to Jewish law sources touching on the question at issue, obliging a husband to assist his wife in bearing children. It was clear, therefore, that he was not entitled to sabotage that process.

woman two months after signing the contract with the surrogate institute, and he now refused to agree to the embryos' implantation while it was impractical for Ruti to start the whole process afresh.

The majority judges who allowed Dani's appeal, she said, seemed to agree that justice was on Ruti's side, but they found no legal basis to support her case. She replied that while it was true

that not every moral obligation involved a legal obligation, the law should strive to achieve justice. The English rules of equity were introduced to temper the rigidity of the common law. which excluded evidence contradicting a representation which caused the other party harm.

The Surrogacy Agreements (Confirmation of the Agreement and the Status of the Newborn Child) Law, of 1996, did not apply to the present case. There was also no formal agreement between Dani and Ruti and, in her view, the general law of contracts did not procreation. The present dispute arose from modern scientific and genetic developments, and presented new problems. The parties, she said, had equal

rights to the embryos, and there were three ways to resolve the present dispute at the stage prior to implantation. The first, adopted in the previous majority decision, was always to reject parentage. The second, now adopted by Justice Kedmi, was always to favor parentage. The third, adopted by Justice Tal and with which she agreed, was to strike a balance between the parties' conflicting rights. In weighing the particular circumstances of each case, the general principles such as the woman's rights over her own body and the man's right to privacy, were of course to be borne in mind

She then considered the stage which the process had reached, noting that the right to parentage became stronger as the process advanced; Dani's agreement and encouragement of the operation, leading to her changing her situation for the worse by undergoing serious and painful treatment; and Ruti's last chance of parentage being destroyed by stopping the process, while Dani's situation remained unchanged.

She added the element of justice pointing out that Dani, who wanted to stop the process, had a daughter in another family he had established. She also noted that if the position were reversed, she would rule in favor of the man in the same circumstances.

In conclusion she commented that she agreed in the main with the judgment of Justice Goldberg.

JUSTICE GOLDBERG also agreed to the appeal being dismissed.

Both parties, he said, enjoyed equal rights - of parentage, or refusal of parentage. There was no analogy with the right to terminate pregnancy, which involved the woman's rights over her own

The new 1996 Surrogacy Law (above) did not apply, nor could he find any guidance in its provisions, which he examined, to solve the present dispute.

Moreover, there was no recourse to the "Jewish Heritage" under the Foundations of Law Statute of 1980, since that Law related to a lacuna in the law while, in the present case, there was no lacuna. There was just no Law at all.

There was also no basis for finding that when the parties agreed to the fertilization process they jointly contemplated single parentage, or rejected it. The result was a normative vacuum, following technical-medical advances not yet penetrated by the law.

In his opinion, therefore, the present dispute was to be solved on the basis of a fundamental cover an agreement dealing with value in our law, that of justice.

That tenet was the very essence of Israeli law. It figured in section 1 of the Basic Law: The Dignity and Freedom of Man, of 1992, in section 15 of the Basic Law: Judicature, of 1984, in defining the powers of the Supreme Court sitting as a High Court of Justice, and in numerous other Laws and regulations which he cited. It also figured in family law in section 9 of the Family Law Amendment (Maintenance) Law of 1959, empowering the court to relieve the obligation of maintenance on

certain grounds. A judge's decision based on jus-tice, he said, was not a matter of caprice. He had to weigh all the circumstances and all the basic values recognized by law. Since his decision would inevitably hurt one of the parties, he had to choose the lesser of two evils.

This was Ruti's last chance of motherhood, and of bearing her husband's child. On the other hand, Dani would be forced to have a child he did not want, with all the emotional and material consequences. The possible financial burden could perhaps be mitigated by Ruti indemnifying him for any maintenance involved, but his emotional suffering could not be alleviated.

It was reasonable of Ruti, he held, to rely on Dani's original agreement to the fertilization process. Since they had both cho-sen that path, and in all the circumstances, it was just to conclude there was no turning back.

JUSTICE KEDMI concurred in dismissing the appeal.

Every person, he said, had the basic right to decide whether or not to be a parent, and that right prevailed over any agreement to the contrary. The rights of the man and woman were not equal, for the woman had complete rights over her own body, and could decide alone whether to continue or terminate pregnancy.

The question now was the point of no return where both parties had agreed to in-vitro fertilization. It could be said that that point was reached when the embryos were implanted in the surrogate mother's womb.

In his view, however, the relevant stage was the completion of the fertilization. At that point a new "being" was created. The parts played by both the man and the woman in the creative process were now inseparable, and only their joint decision could interrupt the process. He added that after the implantation of the embryos in the surrogate mother's womb, only she - having sole control of her own

body - could change the situation. An analogy, though not identical, he continued, could be drawn with a joint decision of two people to create a work of art requiring 'burning" in an oven.

One party could resile from the agreement before the "burning", but could not do so after the process was completed. At that point the party who wanted the work to be preserved would prevail. (Continued next week).

you can't keep from littering, take your garbage

'N nature reserves and other places of natural beauty visitors who picnic are advised to take their garbage ome with them for disposal. Unfortunately very few are willing to do this and the result is our sadly littered picnic sites, sea and lake shores and

other places. But this is just what thousands of tourists to the Maldive Islands have been doing for the past three years. Tourists sort their garbage, except for organic materials, into separate bags. The hotel staff or the Maldive authorities at the airport compress the contents, package it and put it on the plane with the returning visitor without charge. The organic

material goes from the hotels, restaurants etc. to a central depository to be turned into compost.

The reason for this is that the Maldives are a chain of islands that lie only a few meters, in some places only two meters. above sea level and with their own growing population they have simply run out of places to dispose of garbage.

There is only one landfill area available and even here only specifically nontoxic materials may be dumped. Material that cannot be used in the landfill area or turned into compost is sent by ship at great expense to places that are willing to accept it.

This arrangement can barely support

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the disposal of the materials discarded by the residents of the islands and there is simply no way to handle the amounts of garbage produced by the 250,000 tourists that vacation there each year, even though tourism is the principal industry of the islands. Even though the Maldives government allows only recy-clable packaged products to be imported and every effort is made to keep nonrecyclable material to a minimum, the amounts involved are still stunningly

At first authorities in the Maldives were doubtful as to whether the plan would work but, as one official wrote in a letter to the environmental journal Alternatives, the plan worked out far bet-

ter than expected. He credits the fact that the bulk of their visitors are from Germany and Holland where recycling is far more advanced than in many other countries, and consequently people are more amenable to the idea. But it is not only the Maldives that are suffering from the disposal problems

engendered by tourism. The problem is widespread and many countries are finding that they are hard put to cope with the waste problems that mundate them each vear.

HERE IN Israel both foreign and internal tourism are a problem, particularly in waterside areas. Shlomo Bahalul of the Kinneret Management says that the disposal of waste left by the thousands of visitors to the Kinneret creates a major problem. Each family that holds a cookout on the shore of the lake leaves behind a large plastic bag of discarded materials.

"And it wouldn't be as bad if it really

was in a bag," he says. "All too often it's just dumped on the shore while the plastic plates and softdrink tins are bobbing in the water and

have to be fished out."

But most people who try to cope with the problem say that not only will it take a major educational campaign before Israelis agree to accept responsibility for their own waste products but the government too must be educated to the acceptance of more advanced ideas than the garbage dump where 95 percent of the

country's garbage is buried. For most Israelis even the idea of taking a bag of garbage home for disposal is

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Monday, October 7, 1996

FDA step closer to Copaxone OK

TEVA Pharmaceutical Industries yesterday said the US Food and Drug Administration has accepted its advisory panels' recommendation to approve the firm's multiple

sclerosis drug, Copaxone.
The FDA's decision came in the form of a so-called approvable letter, which indicates that the FDA has taken another step toward giving final approval for Copaxone, Teva's first original drug.

Teva must now finish some lastminute procedures, such as label-

in first nine months STATE revenue from taxation totalled NIS70.9 billion in the first nine months of the year, a threepercent real increase from the NIS61.8b. collected in the same

period last year, the Finance

Ministry reported yesterday. In September, revenue from taxes were NIS8.6b., an improvement from recent months, in which the amount collected has been well down on Treasury esti-

For example, income from taxes was NIS7.3b. in August, 3% less

State revenue up 3%

than the same month last year. Treasury officials had to admit they did not know what caused the

Collection of income and property taxes raised NIS38.3b. in the first three quarters, a real-term drop of 1% on the same period last

The Customs and VAT Department has received NIS31.5 so far this year, a 6% real-term Higher taxes levied on fuel and

cigarettes brought in approximately NIS700 million, according to the Treasury.

However, government economists admit this figure was offset

by other factors.

as relief to ministry officials, whose NIS7.6b, prediction for the total budget deficit this year was already surpassed in the first eight months (NIS 8.6b.).

"I don't believe this boils down to a personal mistake; not mine, not Tzippi Gal Yam's (director of State Revenue Administration), nor Doron Levy's (income tax commissioner)," said Treasury director-general David Brodet at the end of last

Ministry experts have been warning politicians of the budget difficulties since January, but a series of political factors, including the election, have made correction all but impossible, Brodet

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Swiss-Israel Chamber to go ahead with opening another office: The Swiss-Israel Chamber of Commerce yesterday decided to go ahead with plans to open another representative office in Geneva,

despite the political situation.

The chamber already manages an office in Geneva, Zurich and Tel Aviv. Attorney Eytan Liraz, chairman of the Israeli representation, said the decision are made offers a series of intense discussions in said the decision was made after a series of intense discussions in light of the tense political situation.

The opening ceremony will take place November 4, in partnership with the Swiss office for Commercial Development. About 4,000 businessmen have been invited to attend the ceremony, including, representatives of the giant ABB firm and Landis & Gyr, as well as government officials form Switzerland and Israel. Galit Lipkis Beck

Food sector suffers 35% growth in trade deficit: The food sector has suffered a 35 percent growth in its trade deficit in the first half of the year compared with the same period in 1995, the Manufacturers Association reported yesterday.

Bank Lemmi announces new benefits for students: With the start of the academic year, Bank Lenmi announced it is improving its benefits to students. Among the benefits are NIS12,500 loans to cover for fees, at an interest of prime plus 0.5% (equivalent to 17.5%), and two-year loans, for any purpose, at prime interest plus 0.9%.

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Dan Suesskind, Teva's chief

financial officer, said he expects

Copaxone to be on the shelves

early next year. He said Copaxone

could increase Teva's sales by "a

Two weeks ago, the advisory

panel approved Copaxone as a

safe and effective treatment for

the relapsing-remitting forms of MS, an incurable, debilitating dis-

ease of the central nervous system.

few hundred million dollars.

instructions for usage.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Banking (Licensing) Law, 5741-1981, according to which Bank Leumi le-Israel B.M. ("Bank Leumi") is required to reduce its surplus holdings in Africa Israel Investments Ltd. (the "Company"), a public company whose shares are traded on The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Bank Leumi intends to offer for sale in a single transaction off The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange its surplus holdings in the Company after the Spin-off of Leumi Insurance Holdings Ltd. ("Leumi Insurance") as explained below, together with the holdings of Messrs. Mordechai Zisser and Eitan Wertheimer (through trust companies) in the Company, i.e. a block of shares of the Company (the "Block of Shares"), representing some 46.58% of the issued share capital of the Company and some 54.2% of the voting rights in the Company.

Furthermore, offerors will be requested to provide Bank Leumi with a put option for additional shares in the Company held by Bank Leumi, so that Bank Leumi will not hold more than 20% after 31 December 1999.

Anyone interested in making an offer to purchase the Block of Shares in their entirety should give notice as provided in the Transaction Documents (defined below) by 28 October 1996 at 13:00 Israel time.

On 19 September 1996 at an Extraordinary General Meeting, the Company adopted a resolution to distribute the shares in Leumi Insurance held by the Company as a dividend in kind to shareholders in the Company (the "Spinoff"). The sale of the Block of Shares is conditional upon the carrying out of the Spin-off. The amount offered for the Block of Shares should consequently reflect the value of the Company without Leumi Insurance, inasmuch as the sale will only be carried out after completion of the Spin-off as aforesaid.

Additional information concerning, inter alia, the Block of Shares, the terms of the offer and the sale process, including the matter of granting to Bank Leumi the right to sell the remainder of its holdings in the Company, is provided in the Procedure Letter and agreement(s) for the sale of the Block of Shares (the "Transaction Documents"), which can be obtained from:

Kantor, Elhanani, Tal & Co., Law Offices, 76 Rothschild Blvd., Tel Aviv, Israel, tel.: 972-3-5662950, fax: 972-3-5662960; and/or

Bank Leumi c/o Sean C.V. Mullin, Executive Director, Morgan Stanley & Co. Ltd., 25 Cabot Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 4QA, England, tel.: (44) (171) 4255252 or (44) (171) 4255714, fax: (44) (171) 4255300.

Morgan Stanley & Co. Ltd. are acting as advisers to Bank Leumi only, in connection with the sale of the Block of Shares.

This notice does not constitute an offer to the public to purchase the Block of Shares. Bank Leumi expressly reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, and without giving any reasons therefor, to conduct discussions with any person or any entity. Bank Leumi has no obligation to notify any applicants regarding such discussions and/or modifications to the terms or the procedure under which Bank Leumi chooses to sell the Block of Shares. In addition, Bank Leumi shall have no obligation to sell the Block of Shares in whole or in part, and the purchasers, if any, will be determined on the basis of clarifications and negotiations conducted by Bank Leumi, in its sole discretion, with the parties it chooses, in the event it decides to sell the Block of Shares.

Interested parties should note that in light of the numerous applications received by Bank Leumi from potentially interested overseas parties, we hereby extend the final date for submission of offers to purchase the Block of Shares to 13:00 Israel time on 28 October 1996 (instead of 21 October 1996, which was the date fixed in the notice published by Bank Leumi on 1 October 1996).

However, nothing in the aforesaid shall extend the period of due diligence examination set in the Transaction Documents, i.e. the said period shall in any event end on 21 November 1996, and there shall be no extensions (due to the provisions of the Banking Law). Interested parties wishing to submit offers are requested to do their best to submit offers prior to the aforesaid final date, so as to enable them, should their offer be deemed suitable, to begin immediately the due diligence examination.

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D&B: Firms' late payments unchanged

THE percentage of companies making late payments, as measured by Dun and Bradstreet (D&B), was at 39 percent in the third quarter, the same as in the previous quarter. A survey of sectors showed the contracting and construction field is the worst for timely repayment, with every second firm failing to

pliers, according to D&B. Other sectors making late payments include the wholesale trading field, where the percentage of companies falling behind on payments is about 40%.

make its payments on time to sup-

The percentage of companies in the food sector falling behind in payments continued to increase in the third quarter - to 30% from 27% in the second quarter and 20% in the first quarter. Despite an improvement in the second quarter, textile firms' rate of timely repayment worsened in the third quarter to 20% from 17%.

D&B said high rates and uncertainty puts firms' ability and worthwhileness to pay suppliers on time in doubt. Galit Lipkis Beck

Leumi extends deadline for Africa Israel bids

New final date for submitting bids is October 28

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Leumi has extended the deadline for submitting bids to purchase its holdings in Africa Israel by one week in reaction to requests by potential investors for more time to examine the investment company and the tender conditions, the bank said

The new deadline is set for October 28.

So far, about 25 investors have expressed interest in participating in the tender.

This number includes some foreign investors that did not take part in Leumi's previous invitation for its surplus holdings in Africa Israel, a source close to the bank said yesterday.

Five consortiums participated in Africa Israel's previous invitation.

Leumi is offering for sale a block of shares representing 46.58% of Africa Israel's issued share capital and 54.2% of the voting rights, at a minimal value of

This includes the holdings of Mordechai Zisser and Eitan Wertheimer.

The transaction will be conducted after the spin-off of Leurni Insurance Holdings from Africa Israel. After completion of the transaction, Leumi's holdings in the company will drop to 25%, as required by the Banking Law.

According to the terms of the offer, potential investors will grant Leumi a put option to sell another 5% of Africa Israel's shares at the same price, during a two-year period.

This is in accordance with the Banking Law, which requires Leumi not to hold more than 20% of Africa Israel's shares after 1999.

Included in the transaction document is a clause which prohibits the company's new owners from appointing a general manager to the bank without prior consultation with Leumi. In addition, the purchasers will not be able to make

any changes to Africa Israel's constitution without notifying the bank. These conditions will be applicable until the end of 1999.

As a sign of seriousness in purchasing Africa Israel's shares, potential buyers will have to attach to their bid a bank guarantee for 10% of the amount of

Once the bids are submitted, investors will have until November 21 to perform a due diligence of the

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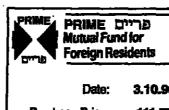
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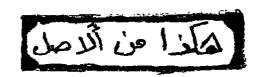
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Precious metals close mixed COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

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PRECIOUS metals futures closed mixed on Friday as gold and silver erased any morning gains and closed lower on the day, in reaction to the US economy losing

An analyst said precious metals showed there was little worry

about wage-price inflation.
The US September non-farm payroll report released on Friday morning showed the economy lost 40,000 jobs during September.

This was the first monthly fall since January, when payrolls fell 66,000 as manufacturing and government payrolls fell significantly. The unemployment rate edged up

Traders said the precious metals' attempt to rally, followed by a sell off, doesn't bode well for the week

December gold closed down \$0.10 at \$382.60. December silver closed down three cents at \$4.875. January platinum closed up \$0.50 at \$388. December palladium closed up \$0.40 at \$121.60.

High grade copper futures closed slightly higher as a strong drawdown in London Metal Exchange (LME) warehouse stocks failed to generate much interest or push copper price much higher.

Friday's price action was described as boring by one trader, who suggested activity was quiet ahead of this week's LME Week activities.

COMEX December high-grade copper futures closed up 30 basis points at \$0.8915. Com futures at the Chicago Board of Trade ended at the lowest prices since late January, continuing a month-long slide as frost held off around the Midwest, improving the outlook for this year's crop.

Most of the Midwestern com and soybean crops didn't suffer any major damage from a recent cold snap, trade sources believe.

Sub-freezing temperatures hit and 2000. Michigan and the extreme northern parts of Indiana and Ohio, but only "patchy frost" developed through parts of eastern Illinois, northern and central Indiana and northern and western Ohio, weather watchers said.

With warmer conditions expected this week, analysts say most of the corn and soybean acreage should reach maturity, barring an unexpected frost-freeze.

Wheat futures ended mixed. with deferred contracts sinking, in part on expectations for larger worldwide wheat production this year. According to trade sources, the Australian Wheat Board raised its estimate for Australian wheat production by one million metric tons to 20 million metric tons.

Friday's close saw December com down 2.5 cents at \$2.8950 per bushel and December wheat up one cent at \$4.2100 per bushel.

November soybeans closed down 1.025 cents at \$7.2725 per bushel. December conton futures closed down six points at 76.73 cents in quiet afternoon trading on Friday, with much of the local trade seen squaring their positions ahead of the weekend, sources

Factors affecting the market were rumors that a large sale of cotton had been made to China by a Far West cooperative and a leading Memphis merchant.

A bit of bearish news for the market came in the form of crop estimates from Sparks Companies, inc., which pegged the US cotton crop slightly below USDA esti-

The market may have received some support from concerns over the wet-weather situation in the southeastern US, sources said. March world sugar futures made a late run to settle at Friday's high on late buying by a floor broker, an off-floor trader said, but he noted that volume was too light to read anything into the move.

The March sugar futures contract settled eight points higher at a session high of 10.93 cents.

The low for the day was 10.77 cents. No fresh news was cited by sources, and an analyst from a major trade house stated that pending crop production figures aren't expected to represent a deficit.

December coffee funnes closed the session 235 points higher at \$1.0980.

Sources said the coffee market may have gained some recent strength on reports of continuing Colombian rebel activity, which could potentially disrupt coffee shipments from there.

December cocoa futures settled \$9 higher at \$1,351 per tonne. No fresh news was cited by sources, who await Ivorian crop

information. Courtesy of Michael Zwebner, CommStock Trading Ltd.

Waigel: Economic austerity in Germany's interest

backs Clarke in EMU

MUNICH (Reuter) - Bringing in savings necessary to help Germany meet the criteria for European Monetary Union is in Germany's best interests. Finance Minister Theo Waigel said in a television interview broadcast last

Asked on the television program, Bonn Direkt why many people seemed to be against cur-

Minister John Major praised his

pro-European finance minister,

Kenneth Clarke, yesterday and rejected demands by right-wing

Conservatives that he rule out

Britain's membership of Europe's

Speaking on BBC television's

"Ken Clarke is chancellor of the

exchequer. He's a very close ally

of mine. He's a very old and long-

standing friend of mine," Major

Euro-skeptic Conservatives

opposed to closer European ties

Saudis open

\$250 million

power project

electricity consumption in Sandi

Arabia to reach 23,310 megawatts

by the end of the decade, from

17,228 MW in 1994/95. To meet

this, the government is planning

to boost power generating capaci-

ty to 25,273 MW in the year 2000

Some 21 billion riyals (\$5.6 bil-

3.3

lion) is earmarked for boosting

power generation between 1995

from 18,238 MW in 1994/95.

Breakfast with Frost program.

Major said calls by rightwingers for Clarke to be sacked for his pro-

European views were nonsense.

planned single currency.

Major

LONDON (Reuter) - Prime have threatened to boo Clarke

rency union in Germany, Waigel said: "That has very little to do with the Euro."

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"We are not making savings because of Maastricht, we are not making savings because of Europe - it is in our own best interests to make savings."

Waigel, in comments released ahead of broadcasting, went on to say: "We have had to raise taxes in

when he speaks at the party's

annual conference next week in

But Major said: "He's also an

"He's produced the best econo-

excellent chancellor of the exche-

my and the best economic

prospects we've had in this coun-

try for a very long time indeed. So

Ken Clarke is chancellor and Ken

Clarke is going to stay as chancel-

to opt out of a single currency

when the massive project was

agreed in 1991, again spelled out his reasons for keeping his options

Major, who negotiated the right

southern

lor of the exchequer."

Bournemouth.

the last few years because of German reunification. Now we have to bring down tax rates or else we will lose international competi-

tiveness and jobs and capital."

The proposal by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's party, the CDU, to lower income tax rates to a base rate of 20 percent, with a ceiling of 35%, was "on the right track," Waigel said.

To rule out membership now

would be counter to the national

interest, as Britain would be shut

out of negotiations on the details

of economic and monetary union

divorce ourselves from these

negotiations now has no intellec-

tual coherence whatever... it is not

Major said it was fanciful to

imagine that Great Britain could

just say 'no' and sit on the side-

lines while preparations for EMU,

due to begin in 1999, were under

"There's no point in pushing.

credible, and it happen," Major

"The argument that we should

(EMU), Major said.

Waigel's CSU party is the CDU's sister-party in the coalition

ruling Germany.

Waigel added the cost of between DM80 billion and DM100b. for such a measure had to be paid for, and that the money would come from the removal of exceptions to the tax law, as well as getting rid of certain tax allowances.

fight

I just hope colleagues will accept

that," he said.

SHARE indexes rose more than We are in the negotiations, and we are staying in the negotiations, and

Friday. Several Israeli stocks traded in Appealing for unity over Europe

at the ruling party's conference in Bournemouth this week, Major "There's no points in rows this week... it's very silly.

"The vast majority of people in The Two-Sided Index climbed this country, the vast majority of businessmen in this country, recognize that we have got a policy stance that every other nation in

Europe envies: we are in the discussions, but unlike anybody else we are not committed to the out-Securities in Tel Aviv.

At the same time, "we won't see

Indexes follow Dow's lead, move higher

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



+1.65% Two-Sided index Maof index

1.5 percent yesterday, following Wall Street's record close on

New York and in Tel Aviv climbed Thursday and Friday.

The last day of New York trading to affect the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange last week was Wednesday.

1.63 percent to 185.93, while the Maof Index added 1.65% to 196.21.

"Wall Street gave us the boost that we needed," said Debra Lipchutz, analyst at Zannex

any reason for the market to go up till we see the outcome" of the peace talks," she said.

Investors are watching developments this week in the peace process, particularly after violence two weeks left more than 70 people dead.

Koor Industries Ltd., the nation's largest company, was the most active issue, trading NIS 4.1 million worth of shares.

Koor rose 1% after its American depositary receipts added 2.8% in New York on Friday.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 40.5m. worth of shares traded. About three issues rose for every two that declined. (Bloomberg)

Japan Rail West finally goes public tomorrow after several false starts

DUBAI (Reuter) - Saudi Arabia yesterday inaugurated a \$250 million expansion of a power plant in TOKYO (Reuter) - Japan's JR West railway the capital Riyadh, part of huge finally goes public this week after several false starts, with analysts predicting the projects to meet soaring demand

for electricity.
Official Saudi media said the shares will have a smoother ride than those of sister company JR East. Shares in West Japan Railway Co (JR West) will be listed on the Tokyo Stock governor of Riyadh, Prince Salman, opened the project, which increases the plant's power generating capacity to 1,580 megawatt (MW) from 1,000 MW. Exchange tomorrow, three years after the turbulent flotation of East Japan Railway Co in what was then Japan's first privatiza-The government expects peak tion of a former state railway.

Analysts said investors were likely to be more restrained this time after many got their fingers burnt in previous sell-offs such as JR East, when shares failed to provide the windfall profits often associated with privatization issues.

But they said a low-key debut would be good for the shares because a high initial market price would just invite heavy selling by those investors looking for a quick cash opportunity.

Analysts expected the initial price on the

day of listing to settle at 370,000 yen (\$3,333) to 430,000 yen (\$3,873) moderately above the offer price of 357,000 year

(\$3,216) per share announced on August 29. "Investors are not fevered, as they were when JR East was listed," said one broker at a Japanese securities house. "Given the conditions at the auction and the applications for the public offering, it is likely to be a calm start, not inviting heavy selling."

Although the actual flotation was expected to be relatively smooth, JR West has had

a tough time getting to the market. Previous plans to list its shares in 1994 and 1995 were postponed because of a poor economic climate, a sluggish stock market and the negative impact of last year's Kobe earthquake on the company's earnings.

Another state-owned firm, Japan Tobacco Inc (IT), had a troubled debut, with its share plunging on the first day of trade on the Tokyo Stock Exchange in October 1994 to close way below the public offering price.

Two-sided trading

Akishige Ishikura, analyst at Dai-Ichi firms' earnings.
Securities Co Ltd. said JR West's price On Friday, JR East closed down 2,000 yen Securities Co Ltd, said JR West's price would have some support. "Like in most cases of listing, buying

orders from companies who have business contacts with the listing firm will naturally be seen," he said.

He said such buying was likely to underpin the share price, expecting the opening price to be around 380,000 yen (\$3,423).

Brokers said that yields on the JR West shares would be 1.4 percent, more profitable than an average 0.7% yield on shares listed on the TSE. This indicates that investors who have purchased the shares before the listing are planning to hold them for a long time and are not short-term prof-

it-hunters Keiji Arai, strategist at Sanyo Securities Co Ltd, said he expected JR West shares would set a first-day price of 430,000 yen (\$3,873,), which is about 80% of JR East's debut price, considering the trend of both

at 535,000 yen.

"The mass media reported a high rate of cancellation [by those who applied for the public offer before the listing, but that means those who are bearish on the issue have already cancelled, which is good for the price," he said.

The shares will see stable trade," he

JR East went public on the TSE and three other stock markets in October 1993, becoming Japan's first formerly public railway firm to be floated after the state-owned Japanese National Railway (JNR) was broken up into seven units in 1987.

The public offer price of JR East stock was 380,000 yen (\$3,423), and the shares shot up to 600,000 yen (\$5,405), then later

Some 1.7 million JR West shares are being sold to the public.

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International investors to launch \$100 million in Bahrain-based bank

MANAMA (Reuter) - A group of Australia and New Zealand. international investors including a Saudi Arabian prince plan to launch a \$100 million investment bank based in Bahrain, the founders said vesterday.

Prince Nawaf bin Abdulaziz, a brother of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, and three investors from the US, Malaysia and Canada will set up the First Gulf Pacific Bank (PGPB).

The Bahrain Monetary Agency (BMA). Bahrain's central bank, has licensed FGPB as an offshore banking unit, raising to 49 the number of international units operating on the

The four founders will hold a \$20 million stake in the new bank and the rest will be raised through a private placement.

The bank will target Asia-Pacific. "I strongly believe that the rapid and continued growth of the Pacific region will create some of the most exciting business and financial opportunities in the world." Prince Nawaf said in a statement.

Prince Nawaf, a former Saudi Arabian fmance minister, has business interests in Saudi Arabia. Egypt, Europe, the US, Canada, Bankers named CK Lau and

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Holon squeaks Braves, Cards sweep, reach NLCS by Rishon in overtime

- AREL Betser and Hapoel Holon provided the excitement of Week 5 last night, when they gave the city of Holon one of its most exciting victories in recent memory by defeating Rishon in overtime. In other action, Ramat Gan racked up its second road victory of the young season, Galil Elyon and Jerusalem maintained their perfect records, and Herzliya picked up its first win, over winless Safed.

Hap. Holon 88 Mac. Rishon 86 (OT) An aggressive Holon defense thwarted a last-second attempt by

Darren Daye and preserved the nail-biting overtime victory. The game featured numerous lead-changes, critical tactical decisions, and an abundance of ten-

Rishon had a chance to win the game in regulation, when it held a 79-77 lead with possession. However, Holon's Kobi Baloul stifled his brother Eli, and Betser connected on a short jumper on the other end with two seconds remaining to send the game into

overtime, The extra session featured Eli Baloul at his best, as he scored all seven of Rishon's points. It was not enough though, as Betser displayed experience beyond his years, by following his game-saving end-of-regulation shot with a solid effort over the next five minutes. This included solid ball-handling, proper distribution of the ball, and a defensive shut-down of Alexander Nikolitch.

Clinging to an 85-84 lead. Holon's Yoav Sapar converted only one of two from the charity stripe. After Rishon's Baloul nailed two from the line, Rishon coach Roni Busani ordered his troops to commit three quick fouls to get over the limit and send Holon's Asaf Dotan to the

The pressure-filled game reached its climax when Dotan calmly sank both free-throws, pro-

viding the winning margin.

The game really hit its stride when Holon unleashed a 19-7 run to take a 70-67 lead with 7:37 remaining in regulation. The spurt, which featured fast-breaks and crisp passing, was sparked by Derrick Hamilton who had six points and two steals during the

With his lead suddenly gone, Busani decided to play both of his point guards, Tomer Karni and strategy, which necessitated taking Doron Jamchee out of the game, coincided with a 6-0 run, which returned the short-lived lead to Rishon, 79-77.

Baloul led Holon with 26 points, while Hamilton scored 21 and Milt Wagner chipped in 17. Betser had six, to go with his overall outstanding play. Darren Daye and Jamchee had 22 apiece for Rishon. with Eli Baloul adding 21.

Mac. RG 76, Ra'anana 74 Despite claims to the contrary, Ramat Gan appears to be more than ready for National League play. The Ramat Ganners weathered a terrific performance from Ra'anana's Mark Brisker to pull

out the road victory. Disarray and sloppy play marked the game throughout, but in the pressure situations, Ramat Gan seemed to maintain its composure, while Ra'anana appeared

This was especially true at the end of the game. With 2:16 to play, Ramat Gan converted a Ra'anana turnover into two points to take the 72-71 lead.

With the score 73-71 Ra'anana's Koren Amisha shanked both of his free throw attempts, effectively sealing his club's fate.

Galil Elyon 100, Hap. TA 82 David Blatt's club ran its record to a perfect 4-0 by thrashing Tel Aviv. While the northerners shared the offensive load as usual, only one half of Tel Aviv's two-man

offense showed up. The erratic Michael Lloyd was at his inconsistent worst, and Demitri Hill's 26 points could not

prevent the blowout. For Galil, Andrew Kennedy had 26 points, while Gur Shelef and Gil Sela added 18 and 16, respec-

> Bnei Herzliya 96 Hap. Safed 90

Lior Arditti, was magnificent in his first game during his second tour of duty with the Herzliya club. Arditti tallied 29 points (seven three-pointers), without unnecessary shots. Additionally, Arditti successfully harassed Safed's Travis Mays for most of the game, which was not as close as the score indicates. Hap. Jerusalem 97

Givat Shmuel 93 Pinny Gershon's club gave an unconvincing performance that does not bode well for future

Turnovers and a lackadaisical defensive effort from the Jerusalem side kept the game much closer than it should have been. Givat Shmuel actually held a 66-

65 lead with under 11 minutes to play, before the undefeated Jerusalem squad took the Tead for Tonight's featured matchup, pit-

ting perennial champions Maccabi Tel Aviv against Hapoel Eilat, will be broadcast live on channel 5, at National Basketball League



Alomar apology accepted

CLEVELAND (Reuter) - Umpire John Hirschbeck said he forgives Roberto Alomar for spitting in his face and asked "everyone who loves baseball" to join the two men "in reconciling our differences." Alomar set off a volcano of controversy when he spit in Hirschbeck's face on September 27 in anger over a third-strike call by Hirschbeck and an argument between the two.

SCOREBOARD

NFL - Early results yesterday: Detroit 28, Atlanta 24; Minnesota 14, Carolina 12; Green Bay 37, Chicago 6; New England 46, Baltimore 38; Oakland 34, New York Jets 13; Seattle 22, Miami 15.

SOCCER - Yesterday's World Cup qualifying results: Group 3, Finland 2, Switzerland 3; Group 6, Faeroe Islands 1, Yugoslavia 8.

NHL - Saturday's NHL resultS: NY Rangers 4, Boston 4; Hartford 1, Phoenix 0; Tampa Bay 4, Pitisburgh 3; Florida 3, Philadelphia 1; Chicago 5, Washington 2; New Jersey 3, Detroit 1; Toronto 4, Anaheim 1; Ottawa 3, Montreal 3; Dallas 4, Colorado 1; Vancouver 3, Calgary 1; NY Islanders 2, San Jose 2.

ATLANTA - The Atlanta Braves' Big Three sent the Los Angeles

Dodgers home in three straight. Tom Glavine completed a virtuoso performance by Atlanta's pitching and the Braves knocked out Hideo Nomo in the fourth inning, advancing to their fifth straight NL championship series.

The Dodgers, swept in the best-of-5 divisional series for the second consecutive year, finished off a late-season meltdown with a feeble effort against the Braves' formidable staff.

Glavine followed in the footsteps of fellow Cy Young winner Greg Maddux and soon-to-be winner John Smoltz, shutting down a Dodger team that had only 14 hits in the series. If pitching is a major factor in the postseason, then Atlanta is a solid favorite to defend its World Series championship.

Cardinals 7, Padres 5
The spirit of 1984 was hardly enough for the San Diego Padres to overcomethe St. Louis Cardinals of 1996.

Brian Jordan hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning and the visiting Cardinals made sure there would be no repeat of San Diego's stirring playoff rally of 12 years ago, winning 7-5 Saturday night to sweep the NL divisional series in

Jordan made a diving catch of Jody Reed's slicing liner to right field with a runner on second, ending the eighth and keeping the score tied at 5.

Ken Caminiti hit two home runs for the Padres, including a solo shot that tied the game in the

Padres relief ace Trevor Hoffman took over to start the ninth and walked Ron Gant with one out. Jordan then drove a fullcount pitch into one of the palm trees beyond the left-field fence, with Rickey Henderson making a



HERE WE GO AGAIN - Brave players congratulate each other in the dugout after beating Los

futile jump at the ball.

The NL Central champion Cardinals, in the playoffs for the first time in nine seasons, will face the defending World Series champion Atlanta Braves in the NL championship series starting Wednesday night at Atlanta. The Braves went 9-4 against St. Louis this season.

The teams also met in the 1982 NL championship series, with the Cardinals sweeping the Braves.

T.J. Mathews pitched one inning

for the victory. Dennis Eckersley pitched the ninth for his third save of the series

AMERICAN LEAGUE Orioles 4, Indians 3

Roberto Alomar, strongly castigated for spitting on an umpire last week, hit a home run in the 12th inning to lift the visiting Baltimore to the League Championship Series. The Orioles will play the New

York Yankees, who beat the Texas Rangers 6-4 on Saturday, in a series for the American League pennant, beginning tomorrow in New York. Alomar, who also had the game-

winning homer when the Orioles clinched the AL wild-card berth last Saturday, blasted closer Jose Mesa's 1-1 pitch over the rightcenter field fence.

Six Cleveland pitchers combined to strike out 23 batters, including nine in a row from the fifth to the eighth innings.

"I'm real happy to come here and help my team win. I went up there just to get a hit (in the 12th). I hit the ball hard. I can't describe how it feels. He threw the pitch where I was looking for," Alomar

Anwar (32) and Salim Elahi (30)

But the introduction of fast

bowler Donald as first change

transformed the complexion of the

many overs, with wicketkeeper

Dave Richardson pulling off two

brisk 14 before trying an expan-

sive shot off Donald and giving

Richardson the first of his catches.

Donald then claimed the key

wicket of Pakistan captain Anwar

in the 15th over, superbly taken by

a diving Richardson as the bats-

Did not bat: H.Cronje, D.Crookes. B.McMillan, D.Richardson, F.de Villiers, A.Donald.

A.Donald.
Bowling: Younis 9-0-49-0 (1-nb 1-w),
Mahmood 6-0-31-0, Mushtaq 10-1-42-0,
Afridi 10-0-48-3 (1-nb 4-w), Malik 3.2-025-0, Anwar 1-0-6-0 (1-w).
Result: South Africa won by seven

Fall of wickets: 1-77 2-77 3-125.

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The 16-year-old Afridi made a

putting on 58 in 10 overs.

acrobatic catches.

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(7), Osuna (6), Dreffort (8) and Plazza;
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Wohlers (8) and J.Lopez, W - Giavine, 10, L - Nomo, 0-1. Sv - Wohlers (3). HR Atlanta, Cp.Jones (1).

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andPagnozzi; Ashby, Ti.Worrell (8),
Valenzusia (8), D.Veras (8), Hoffman (9)
and B.Johnson, Flaherty (8), W T.J.Mathews, 1-0, L - Hoffman, 0-1, Sv Eckersley (3), HRs - San Diego, Caminiti
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Benitez (10), R.Myers (12) and Holles,
Parent (9); Nagy, Embree (7), Shusy (7),
Assenmacher (7), Plunk (8), Mesa (9),
Ogea (12) and S.Alomar. W – Benitez, 2D. L. – Mesa, 0-1. Sv ~ R.Myers (2). HRs –
Baltimore, R.Alomar (1), R.Palmeiro (1),
Bonilla (2).

Washington top seed in Eisenberg **Open** HEATHER CHAIT

WIMBLEDON finalist Malivai Washington is the top seed in this year's \$328,000 Eisenberg Israel Open in Ramat Hasharon from October 14 to 20, but his place in the final is by no means assured.

Challenging the American Washington, seeded 12 in the world rankings, will be Spaniards Alberto Costa (15) and Felix Mantilla (16). Costa's wins this year include ones against Andre Agassi, Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Michael Chang while Mantilla has subdued Sergi Bruguera and Thomas Enquist.

In all our tournaments since 1978, we have never had three players among the world's top 20 players," said President of the Israel Tennis Centers, Ian Froman

at a press conference yesterday. Froman added that the cutoff point this year (the last direct entry) was 111, which clearly reflects the strength of the field.

Other names appearing will be Argentina's Heman Gumy, Javier Sanchez from Spain and Marc-Kevin Goellner from Germany, who recently beat Guy Forget and Stefan Edberg.

Although there was a rush for

wildcard entries, including from Pat Cash, the decision was taken to offer them to local players Eyal Ran, Nir Welgreen and Noam The tournament, which was cho-

sen by the Association of Tennis

Professional players last year as the best event on the ATP circuit, has attracted players from 16 states, with no cancellations despite the uncertain political cli-Next year the tournament will

shifted to an earlier date, September 9, the week after the UŚ Open. In this electronic era, the tourna-

ment will have a web site with updated player results. The site may be accessed at http:// www.tennis.virtual.co.il. Russian television will be tele-

vising the week with Channel Two and ESPN will be broadcasting the semifinals and final. The tournament is sponsored by

Joyce Eisenberg and the group of Top 10 which includes Bank Leumi, Visa, Coca Cola, Strauss, Sony, Mei Eden, Dan Accadia. Elite and Heineken.

Bulgaria last month, Scharf will almost certainly rely on Avi Nimni to provide some person, or heard the radio commentary by important ball possession in the middle of the Nehemia Ben-Avraham. park. Haim Revivo joined in the training ses-Israel lost 2-1, but the sensational result and the headed goal to level the scores at 1-1 in the

Kirsten century lifts South Africa

to four-nation win

hundred in 50 one-day internation-

Young leg-spinner Shahid Afridi

unsettled the South African run

chase when he removed Hudson

and Pat Symcox with the score on

77 but Daryll Cullinan and Jonty

Rhodes gave Kirsten good support

as the target was reached with 10.4

Pakistan had launched its

innings in positive fashion after

PAKISTAN Saeed Anwar c Richardson b Donald

Salim Elahi c Kirsten b de Villiers Shahad Afridi c Richardson b Donald

liaz Ahmed c Richardson b McMillan

Aznar Marmood bw b Crookes 3
Waqar Younis c Donald b Crookes 3
Saqlain Mushtaq not out 2
Extras (b-3 w-9) 12
Total (all out, 48.2 overs) 203
Fall of wickets: 1-58 2-78 3-90 4-138 5-

Fall of wickels: 1-58 2-78 3-90 4-138 5-143 6-170 7-174 8-185 9-195. Bowling: McMillan 10-0-55-2 (4w), de Villiers 8-0-40-1, Donald 8.2-0-32-3, Cronje 1-0-8-0 (2w), Symcox 9-0-35-1 (1w), Crockes 10-0-30-3 (2w). South Africa — A Hudson, G. Kirsten, D.Cullinan, J.Rhodes, H.Cronje, D.Crockes, B.McMillan, P.Symcox, D.Richardson, F.de Villiers, A.Donald.

47
Salim Malik c and b Symcox
Ramiz Raja c and b Crookes
Saeed Azad c Cronje b Donald
Moin Khan b McMillan
Azhar Mahmood ibw b Crookes

overs to spare.

als from 114 balls with 14 fours.

sion for the first time since arriving from Spain last week and defender Amir Shelah appears to

century by opener Gary Kirsten

steered South Africa to a comfort-

able seven-wicket victory over

Pakistan in the final of the Kenvan

centenary four-nation one-day

Kirsten was dropped twice off

successive deliveries on his way to

a well-paced 118 not out as South

Africa coasted to 204 for three in

Earlier, South Africa fought

back well to bowl out Pakistan for

203 in 46.2 overs after its oppo-

nents had got off to a flying start.

Liaz Ahmed top-scored with 47

while Allan Donald took 3-32 and

In partnership with Andrew

off-spinner Derek Crookes 3-30.

Hudson, who hammered a run-a-

ball 42, Kirsten gave South Africa

the ideal start in its reply with a first-wicket stand of 77 in only 14

This proved to be the perfect

platform as South Africa regis-

tered its seventh successive one-

Pakistan dropped Kirsten twice off successive deliveries from off-

spinner Saqlain Mushtaq - on 24 and 26 respectively - but the gritty left-hander offered no further

day win over Pakistan.

NAIROBI (Reuter)

tournament yesterday.

39.2 overs.

the disposal of coach Shlomo Scharf.

have overcome his leg injury. The current squad yesterday met with some

THE national team began the last phase of its

preparations for Wednesday's World Cup qual-

ifier against Russia with a full 20-man squad at

The starting team lineup is still far from com-

plete, although just as in the game against

Israel begins final preparations for Russia

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of the heros of the legendary encounter between Israel and the Soviet Union which took place in 1956. That match, played in front of some 70,000 spectators still lives in the memory of those who either witnessed it in

second half by Nahum Stelmach was one of Israeli sport's most momentous achievements at that time. The Soviets were then one of the world's top sides, the Israelis, representing their eight-year-old country were one of the When the two sides meet again on

Wednesday, Russia will still be favorites, but the 40,000-odd spectators who are expected to come to watch the match will be counting on nothing less than a win from the home

Scharf has still to decide on his lineup for the match, but he has still to see the Russians in action. They are due to arrive tomorrow by special charter flight and will leave immediately after the match.

Israel's handball squad beats Belarus by a point

last night over Belarus in the preliminary rounds of the World Championships at Hadar Yosef.

Israel beat Belarus 26-25 in the return game after it lost 35-19 in the first game last week in Minsk. Oleg Bortenko was the outstanding player, scoring 10 points while match. He took two wickets in as

goalkeeper Leonid Dorshenko played a major role in the victory. Israel collects two points from the win and is now in third place in its group. The Czech Republic, Israel's next opponent on October 30 at Hadar Yosef, leads the group with four points. Belarus and Israel have two points and Holland has yet to win a game. Heather Chait

AP's top 25 college football teams

How the top 25 teems in APs college football poll fared this week.

No. 1 Floridis (5-0) beat Aricansas 42-7. Next: vs. No. 14 LSU, Saturday.
No. 2 Floridis State (4-0) beat Cemson 34-3. Next: at No. 8 tiliami, Saturday.
No. 3 Othio State (4-0) beat to No. 3 Othio State 38-7. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Saturday.
No. 4 Perm State (5-1) lest to No. 3 Othio State 38-7. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Saturday.
No. 5 Artzona State (5-0) beat Boise State 68-7. Next: vs. Inclane, Oct. 19.
No. 6 Michigan (4-1) lost to No. 22 Northwestern 17-16. Next: vs. Inclane, Oct. 19.
No. 7 Nebrastra (3-1) beat Mo. 16 Kansas State 39-3. Next: vs. Baylor, Saturday.
No. 9 Termessee (3-1) beat Miss. 41-3, Thursday. Next: vs. Baylor, Saturday.
No. 10 Colorado (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Ottahoma State, Saturday.
No. 11 Notro Dame (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Ottahoma State, Saturday.
No. 12 Virginis (4-1) lost to Georgia Tech 13-7. Next: at North Carolina State, Oct. 19.
No. 13 Alabama (5-0) beat Kemboky 35-7. Next: at North Carolina State, Saturday.
No. 16 Kansas State (4-1) beat Wake Forest 45-6. Next: vs. Maryland, Saturday.
No. 16 Kansas State (4-1) beat Wake Forest 45-6. Next: vs. Maryland, Saturday.
No. 17 Southern Cal (3-2) lost to California 22-15. Next: vs. Waryland, Saturday.
No. 18 Wash. (3-1) beat Stanford 27-6. Next: at No. 11 Notre Dame, Saturday.
No. 19 Wash (3-1) beat Stanford 27-6. Next: at No. 11 Notre Dame, Saturday.
No. 20 Ausburn (4-1) beat Scanford 27-6. Next: at Mississippiu State, Saturday.
No. 21 Brigham Young (5-1) beat Utah St. 45-17, Fri. Next: vs. Maryland, Saturday.
No. 22 Northwestern (4-1) beat State 11-14. Next: vs. Oktahoma, Saturday.
No. 23 Texas (3-2) beat Oktahoma, Sate 71-14. Next: vs. Oktahoma, Saturday.
No. 24 Utah (5-1) beat San Jose St. 45-22. Next: vs. W. Michigan, Saturday.
No. 25 Wyoming (6-0) beat San Jose St. 45-22. Next: vs. W. Michigan, Saturday.
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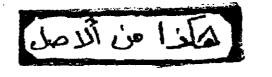
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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra opens its season tonight with an all-Mendelssohn program led by its new music director, Yuval Zaliouk, who conducts the overture Das Heimkehr dem Fremde and the Fourth ("Italian") Symphony. Violinist Miriam Fried plays the composer's ever-popular Violin Concerto, and her son Jonathan Biss is soloist for Mendelssohn's First Piano Concerto. The program is repeated Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and October 19, all at 9 p.m.

The Leonard Bernstein Jerusalem International Song and Oratorio Competition concludes at 8 tonight as the the competition winner or winners perform in a gala concert with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Martin Andre at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

his Ballet Argentino perform Don Quixote, Interlaced Symphony and the sensual Tango, with Bocca in every dance, in the final performance of their Israeli tour. At Binyenei Ha'uma at 8:30 tonight.

HELEN KAYE

GREEK singing superstar George Delares is back for his fifth visit since 1987. He'll be singing all the old favorites and some new songs, backed by a 10-member combo. At 9 tonight, Wednesday and Thursday at the Roman theater in Caesarea.

FILM

Adina Hoffman

*** BUTTERFLY KISS - With her pinched rasp, hunted gaze and the long, low stride of a gawky teenage boy, Amanda Plummer's screen presence has always been bizarre. But in English director Michael Winterbottom's harshly poignant black comedy, she pushes her usual weirdness to a new extreme. For the role of Eunice, a bisexual dominatrix and casual serial killer, she wears 17



BALLET wunderkind Julio Bocca and Miriam Fried plays Mendelssohn's violin concerto with the Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra.

tattoos under her blouse, as well as navel and nipple piercings and a crisscrossed set of full-body padlocks and bike chains. Written by Frank Cottrell Boyce, the movie is unquestionably raw, but it's also a work of real honesty and unexpected pathos. Equal parts road movie, existential fable and darkly humorous love story, Butterfty Kiss is one of the most original movies of the year, and it's well worth the difficult viewing. Also with Saskia Reeves, whose patient, anguished performance as Eunice's thoughtful lover, Miriam, gives the film its plaintive emotional pitch. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

*** HEAVEN'S PRISONERS - In Phil Joanou's moody thriller, Alec Baldwin plays a former New Orleans cop who finds himself back in action when he and his long-legged, sympathetic wife (Kelly Lynch) witness the crash of a plane in the bayou near their home. They pull a little girl, the only survivor, from the wreckage and decide to call her their own, a move which leads, rather inevitably, to a string of mysterious, violent occurrences. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance very strongly advised.)



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

26 An acrobat could find it

27 Solicitor accommodates

28 Policy document may

reveal nothing (9)
29 Agree to differ, however

retired schoolmaster on

23 Rescue broken vase (4)

holds water (7)

holiday (7)

ACROSS

away (3,2) 4 Journalism involves

1 Dance one time and go

clerical duties (9) 9 A master with vigour is

miraculous (7) 11 I've reverted to depression; that's obvious (7)

12 What makes snow melt? (4)

13 Stop demanding a dollar in tax! (5)

14 Youth with a yen to be

female (4) 17 Banking establishment is

moving elsewhere (8-5)
19 Snubbed the decorator to

sever links (3,3,7) 21 In Sumatra planters drank

gin (4) 22 Small wagon for a country boy (5)

impatient (5)

DOWN

1 Hospital treated a teacher in agony (9)

2 A tough head in a position to be conciliatory (7)

3 Spruce used for decoration

5 Insist on taking news-papers to the tip (5,3,5)

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Painter, 28 Unite, 27 Dream, 28 Inters.
DOWN: 1 Turkey, 2 Agitate, 3 Consider, 4 Vast, 5 Raise, 5 Exempt, 7 Adage, 13 Tacitura, 16 Precise, 17 Shaped, 19 Perry, 26 Athena, 22 Alike, 24 Stem.

1 Old trumpet (?)

2 Dutch corresty

3 Concur (5)

4Bloated (7)

5 Mohammed's birthplace (5) 6 Confidential

remark (5)

9 Hired soldier (9)

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 7Sitting-room (6) 8 Confectionery (6) 10 Alleviate (7) 11 Clearly expressed

12 Due (4) 13 Fastener (5) 17 Resources (5) 18 Clarified butter

22 On a par (5)

14 Fervent (7) 15 Minotaur's slayer (7)16Title (7) 19 Big and strong (5) 23 Amended (7) 20 Narrow channel 24 Jewish law (6) (5) 21 Birdlike (5)

6 Make complaints in the bar (4)

7 Function unfamiliar to a peer (7) 8 The aim of those playing bowls and pool (5)

10 Not charged for the factory being renovated (5,3,5)

15 Good price for a fireplace

(5)

16 intervened to get copper

container (3,2) 18 Chips go in after fish (9)

19 Two fellows employ itinerant dealer (7)

20 Racing is ripping (7) 21 Carry many a venerable emblem (5)

24 It's found in music left of the stave (4) 25 Smoke as a result of rage

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Dodo 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Liberty
Street 18:00 Droopy 18:10 Musical Notes
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Sport 19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News flash 19:31 The Simpsons

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TELEVISION

6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning, Israel

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■ EDUCATIONAL TV

13:00 Make a Wish 13:30 Basic Arabic 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Tick Tack 15:00 Youth on the Way - new drama series 15:30 Trick or Treat 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News Magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 Action 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 Mr. Bean 21:05 tiche - comedy series with Self Ribtin 21:40 Dan Shilon Live 23:15 Fawity Towers 00:00 News 00:05 Night Owls Talk 2:00 On the Edge of the Shelf

III JORDAN TV

15:05 Adventures on the Rainbow Pond 15:30 Oscar's Orchestra 15:45 Playabout 16:15 World Echo – documentary 16:50 Hey Dad 17:00 French programs 19:00 News in French 19:30 News headlines 19:35 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna 20:00 Deep Probe Expeditions – documentary 21:10 The Lazarus Man 22:00 News in English 22:25 The Bold and the Beautiful 23:15 Bodies of Evidence – police drama

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7:00 Quantum Shopping 8:00 TV Shop 14:30 The 700 Ctub 15:00 Larry King

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16:00 Animated films 16:30 Things Which Can't Be Sold 17:15 Panorama 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Doctors Talk 20:00 News 20:15 Ciao Partin (1983) – award-winning film about an ex-policeman who lives the life of a rectuse following the drug-related death of his son. He meets up with a young half-Jewish half-Arab dope dealer and a strange friendship develops between them. Starring Coluche, Richard Anconina and Philippe Leotard. (94 mins.) 22:35 Adventures – Man and Nature 23:15 Inside Stuff

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15:30 Butterfly Island 16:00 Life in the Mediterranean 18:30 On the Cutting Edge of Science 17:00 Diving in the Red Sea 17:20 Israeli videoclips 17:35 Exploration 9 Basic Arabic 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Revolutions in the Modern Era 19:30 Reflections 20:00 A New Evening, with Russian subtitles 20:30 Cybernews 21:00 Star Trek – The Next Generation 21:46 Video Cips 22:00 The Unashamed Stories of Lesbian Love (1992) – documentary about Canadian lesbians who recall how difficult life was for them in the 1950s and 1960s when for them in the 1950s and 1960s when lestian relationships were illegal 23:30 Jewish Mysticism

IS FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 12:30 Starting at 1:30 Id-10 Republic (rpt) 14:05 Robin's Hoods 14:55 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 The Neked Truth – new series 21:15 Ned and Stacey – new series 21:40 The Drew Carey Show – new series 22:05 Hope and Gloria 22:30 Fraster 22:55 Too Something – new series 23:20 The Larry Sanders Show 23:45 Metrose Place 00:35 Models Inc. 1:20 The Fortune Hunter

III MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

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11:30 Marilyn and Me (1991) – the story of Marilyn Monroe, as told by a man who claims to have been married to her for five days (pt) 13:10 Ledy of Buriesque (1943) – A stroper sets out to find a marderer who has begun to kill her colleagues. With Barbara Stanwyck and Michael O'Shea. Directed by William Wellman (86 mins.) 14:40 Death in Small Doses (1993) (pt) 16:15 The Three Musketeers (1974) (pt) 18:00 Shooting Elizabeth (1992) – a husband plans to kill his wife, but she disappears before he can do so. Now he is frantically searching for her, in order to prove his innocence. With Jeff Goldblum and Mimil Rogers. Directed by Baz Taylor. (91 mins.) 19:30 Special program on Michael Keaton's new movie Synchronicity 20:05 To Die of Love (French, 1970) – a high-school teacher falls in love with one of her pupils, and becomes severely depressed when she is forced to break it off (108 mins.) 22:00 Thicker Than Blood (1993) – a man whose wife has left him sues for custody of their son. To his shock, his wife claims that the boy is not his child, with Peter Strauss 23:35 Stalking Laura (1993) – a young engineer in a high-tech company is sexually harassed by a colleague, who becomes obsessed with her. With Brooke Shields 1:10 Arctic Heat (1986) — three

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E CHILDREN (6)

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E SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Straw Dogs (1971) — an American mathematician goes with his wife to live in an English village. The brutal rape of his wife turns him into a ruthless avenger. With Dustin Hoffman and Susan George. Directed by Sam Peckinpah. (111 mins.) 23:55 The Lion Has Wings (1939) — docudrama of the events leading up to World War II. With Merte Oberon and Ralph Richardson. Produced by Alexander Korda (72 mins.)

8:00 Open University 12:00 Human Nature 13:00 Beyond 2000 13:30 Ultrascience 14:00 Open University 18:00 Human Nature (rpt) 17:00 Beyond 2000 (rpt) 17:30 Ultrascience (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Good Enough to Eat 21:00 3,000 Mile Garden 21:30 Cook on the Wild Side 22:00 Harlem Diary 23:00 Good Enough to Eat (rpt) 00:00 Open University

E SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Executive Lifestyles 6:30 Europe 2000 7:00 Today 9:00 Wall Street Morning Reports 10:00 European Money Wheel 14:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 16:00 MSNBC - The Site 17:00 National Geographic 18:00 Fashion File 18:30 The Ticket 19:00 The Selina Scott Show 20:00 Dateline 21:00 Ternis 22:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 23:00 The Best of Late Night with Consan O'Brien 00:00 The Best of Later With Greg Kinnear 00:30 NBC News with Tom Brokew 1:00 The Best of the Tonight Show with Jay Leno 2:00 MSNBC - Internight

6:00 Mr. Belvedere 6:30 Cooking Secrets of the CIA 7:00 Video Fashion News 7:30 The Flying Doctors 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Cooking Secrets of the CIA 12:30 Video Fashion News 13:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turites 13:30 Black Beauty 14:00 Lost in Space 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Charles in Charge 16:00 MrA*S*H 16:30 Inspector Morse 18:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 19:00 Santa Barbara 20:00 The Twilight Zone 20:30 Hearts Afire 21:00 Grace Under Fire 21:30 Barnaby Jones 22:30 Videofashion News 23:00 Oprah Winfrey 00:00 Hopperman 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 The Sullivans 1:30 The Flying Doctors

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Knesset's winter session opens today

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KNESSET Speaker Dan Tichon will meet this morning with the heads of all factions to ask them to ensure restraint and fair discussion during Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's political address which opens the Knesset's winter session today.

Tichon described the atmosphere as tense, and said he expects the strong disagreements of the last two months to be expressed in a stormy session. But he warned that he would not allow MKs to get away with unruly behavior, even if it meant he had to bar an

MK from speaking.
Netanyahu is scheduled to address the plenum at 4 p.m. in the presence of President Ezer Weizman

If the opposition goes ahead with its threat to turn the address into a no-confidence motion, the vote will be held next Monday. Tichon told parliamentary reporters he had not yet received a request for the motion.

The committees also get back to regular work today. The House Committee's will discuss the request by Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to lift the immunity of MK Ehud Olmert to

face corruption charges.

Parliamentary immunity is likely to be a major issue this Knesset,

FIGHTING in the security zone

continued yesterday, with two sep-

arate attacks on South Lebanese

In one of the incidents, a number

of mortar rounds and anti-tank

missiles scored direct hits on an

SLA outpost, causing damage but

The fighting began early in the

morning when gunmen, believed to

be from Hizbullah, opened fire with

light weapons on an SLA position in

the eastern sector. There were no

casualties among the SLA troops,

In the afternoon, the focus

switched to the western sector

with a heavy barrage against an

SLA post in the Bint J'bail region.

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Reports from Lebanon said the

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with more MKs than ever before facing charges, Tichon said. The Knesset will hold special sessions to commemorate 40 years since the Sinai Campaign; the death of Moshe Dayan; and, of course, the first anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Among the guests expected in the coming months is South African leader Nelson Mandela. The session is also likely to be marked by the annual budget discussions, which start at the end of this month.

Under a newly-implemented law, if the budget does not pass within three months of the new financial year, it is seen as a no-confidence measure and the Knesset must dissolve for general elections.

The Knesset has invested NIS 6 million in maintenance and improvements to its own facilities during the vacation. The improvements include new kitchens, an enlarged meat canteen, better elevators, more parking, and a general clean-up campaign.

MKs will also be better paid than in the past. With the implementation of the recommendations of the Rozen-Zvi Report, MKs got a 33 percent wage hike at the beginning of the month, although there are stricter restrictions on moonlighting.

Hizbullah attacks

SLA, IDF positions



Dutch Defense Minister Dr. J.J.C. Voorhoeve (center) is received yesterday at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak (far right), Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, and Defense Ministry Director-General

Belzer Rebbe blasts PM, governme

THE rebbe of Belz, Rabbi Yisachar Dov Rokach, has issued a blistering condemnation of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his government, which he said had made mistakes which led to bloodshed.

The rebbe was speaking on Saturday night in a traditional talk given at the end of Simhat Torah, at which he speaks of the events of the day. During the past three months, he told his followers, the government had shown considerable ineptitude, as a result of its inexperi- the fact that the state had become isolated.

Warning against a tendency toward greater militancy on the part of the haredi public, he said the command to live by the sword was a blessing which had been granted to the descendents of Esau, and not the sons of Israel. He warned of the danger in which Israel found itself as a result of the government's action and

Yisrael Eichler, a spokesman for the Belz Hassidim, noted that although Rokach is a member of the Degel Hatorah Council of Sages, he has always taken an independent line and he is considered one of the most dovish of haredi spiritual leaders. In the past, Rokach had supported the peace process and the Oslo

Eichler noted that Rokach's views are in

keeping with the traditional haredi injunction not to provoke the gentiles. Report: Pollard may be

JONATHAN Pollard could be freed after the US election under a plan "identified" by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and US Vice President Al Gore. according to an unattributed story in the New York Jewish Week.

The Clinton administration would seek a new recommendation from the Justice Department and intelligence agencies, the weekly paper reported, suggesting that the recommendation would be favorable.

argued vigorously against commuting Pollard's life sentence. As recently as July, the Justice Department said Pollard's sentence was warranted.

Those agencies previously have

Pollard, a Navy intelligence analyst, has served a decade of a life sentence for spying for Israel.

The White House denied Pollard clemency in July. In announcing the decision, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said President Bill

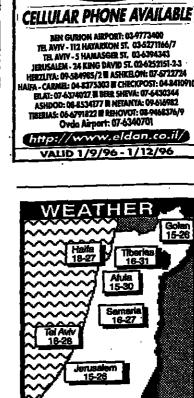
Clinton "agreed with Attorney

General [Janet] Reno's judgment that the enormity of Mr. Pollard's offenses, his lack of remorse, the damage done to our national security, and the need for general deterrence and the continuing threat to national security that he posed made the original life sentence imposed by the court warranted."

Further, McCurry noted that Pollard has not applied for parole, an alternative possibility for gaining his freedom.

Pollard's chances of release also appeared to have been dimmed by the arrest last month of another naval intelligence analyst. Robert Chaegon Kim, who is accused of

passing secrets to South Korea. There has been speculation about the damage allegedly done by both Kim and Pollard, with one administration official telling the Associated Press that what Kim was said to have done "was not an enormous breach," nothing to the extent of the spying done by Pollard.



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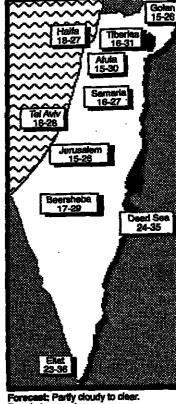
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AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the eight of spades, the jack of hearts, the queen of diamonds and the queens of clubs.

Disrael discount bank

Private eye sentenced ing that they hit an ammunition for selling classified data freed after US election dump on the outskirts of the post. Hizbullah and Amal have both intensified their operations against

the security zone since the end of the Lebanese elections last month. Most of the attacks have been A PRIVATE investigator, convicted of obtaining classified informadirected against SLA strongholds, with the occasional long-range shooting at IDF positions. The IDF and SLA have respond-

ed by pinpoint retaliation at the sources of fire, as well as with air raids against specific terrorist targets north of the zone.

According to reports from Lebanon, all the sides are adhering, as much as possible, to the Operation Grapes of Wrath understandings. Nevertheless, the atmosphere in the region remains very tense, especially in light of and Sagger anti-tank missiles. There the Syrian army movements from Beirut and along the Beirut-Damascus highway to positions in the Bekaa Valley on the Lebanese-Syrian border and close to the foothills of Mt. Hermon.

The Committee to Save the Family

tion from government bodies, was sentenced to 15 months in prison by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday. A year of the sentence was suspended, and three months were commuted to community service.

Yitzhak Dayan was first indicted two years ago, and initially asked the District Attorney's Office to cancel charges since the indictment was filed several years after the offenses were committed.

The court heard that Dayan would phone up the various bodies, and simply by representing himself as an employee of another cial and other situations.

organization, depending on the material he wished to obtain, would ask for the relevant information. Then he would transfer the data to clients who paid him large amounts of money in return for the information.

Judge Zecharia Caspi also heard that although Dayan worked as a private investigator, he was not actually qualified to be one. For years, private investigators

have had access to classified information, and there have been several cases disclosed in which they paid employees of banks, customs and VAT, income tax, etc. for information on people's finan-

Arbel asked to rule if tapping cellular phones is a crime

MA'ARIV publisher Ofer Nimrodi's lawyer, Dan Avi Yitzhak, was scheduled to meet with State Attorney Edna Arbel yesterday evening, after he asked her to determine whether the tapping of cellular phones

Along with charges of tapping regular phones, Nimrodi is also charged with several counts of commissioning taps on cellular phones and faxes

Since a Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court judge ruled several months ago that cellular phone owners should be aware that they may be easily bugged, and even acquitted a suspect on charges of tapping such phones, Nimrodi's lawyers are now asking Arbel to rule finally on the issue.

If she rules that tapping cellular phones is not a crime, several charges against Nimrodi and the daily's security officer David Ronen, are expected to be dropped.

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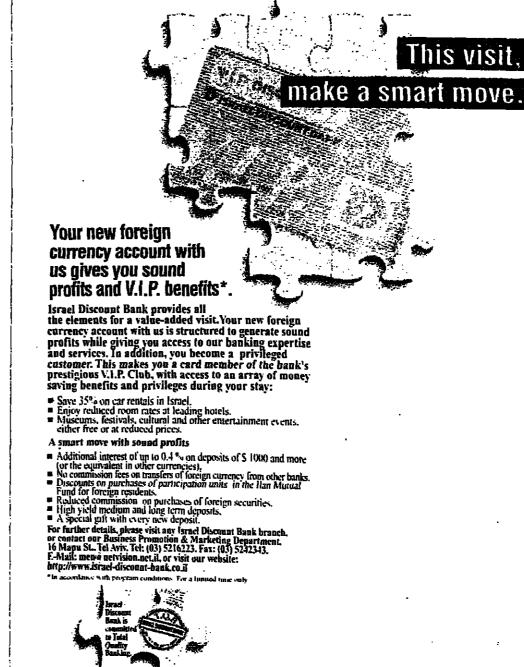
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